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Black lesbians, gays to gather in Long Beach for 10th conference

by Cynthia Laird

The National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum will be holding its 10th anniversary conference next week, from February 13-17 in Long Beach, California. This year's theme, "Black Lesbians and Gays: Celebrating our Legacy," will focus on the recognition and acknowledgment of the powerful, influential and critical contributions made by black lesbians and gays, organizers said.

Members said the conference will be an ideal time for members, supporters, and friends of the Forum, as it's known, to reflect on the issues, challenges, and successes of the last nine years. Additionally, the tenth conference will serve as an opportunity for lesbians and gays of African descent to estab-

lish the framework from which the Forum can operate as the 21st Century approaches.

The event draws national and international participants, and is host to workshops, institutes, and vendors from the African-American lesbian and gay community. Topics to be discussed during the five day confab include leadership; culture and arts; family and youth; heterosexism; sexism; racism; ageism; AIDS and health; public policy; economics; women's or men's issues; and spirituality. The sessions on AIDS and health, and women's or men's issues cost an additional fee.

Vallerie Wagner and Troy Fernandez are serving as co-chairs for the event. Assisting them will be Debra Rose of Denver and Steven Walker of Houston. All four currently are serving as board members of the Forum.

Organizers are in the process of selecting individuals from around the country to serve as local links at the conference. These individuals will be responsible for receiving and disseminating information to people in their respective cities and states. They will also be instrumental in the organizing of local fundraising efforts for the 1997 Conference Scholarship Fund.

Vendors, workshop presenters, and vol-
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NBLGLF co-chairs Vallerie Wagner and Troy Fernandez

Women and HIV Conference held in SF

On January 30-31, several hundred attendees gathered in San Francisco for the 5th Annual Women and HIV Conference. Participants discussed a wide range of issues related to women and HIV disease. Morning plenary sessions focused on legal, policy, and clinical issues, while afternoon break-out session covered topics including harm reduction, sex after HIV, community planning, and issues of youth and lesbian/bisexual women with HIV. The conference, sponsored by the city's STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, focused on social and care issues, rather than the type of clinical and research data emphasized at conferences such as the recently held Conference on Human Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

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Thousands celebrate Aspen's 20th Gay Ski Week

by Cynthia Laird

The participants dressed outrageously. It was hard to believe they would actually ski down a hill dressed in barely anything, and certainly nothing close to the usual ski apparel. But for the 50 or so skiers who withstood Aspen Mountain's winter chill in mostly skimpy attire, the second annual "downhill costume competition" during the 20th annual Gay Ski Week in Colorado was a blast.

Hundreds of spectators gathered at the base of the mountain on Tuesday, January 28 and wildly cheered as the costume-clad skiers raced down to the bottom and were ranked by a panel of not-so-sober judges. There was also a crowd of skiers who had assembled on the mountain to cheer the contestants. It was reported that city offices were shut down so that workers could come and watch the event.

The costume contest was just one of many events that overtook the small city of Aspen (year-round population of 5,400). The festivities started "unofficially" on Saturday, January 25 and continued through Saturday, February 1. Over 5,000 gays and lesbians from around the

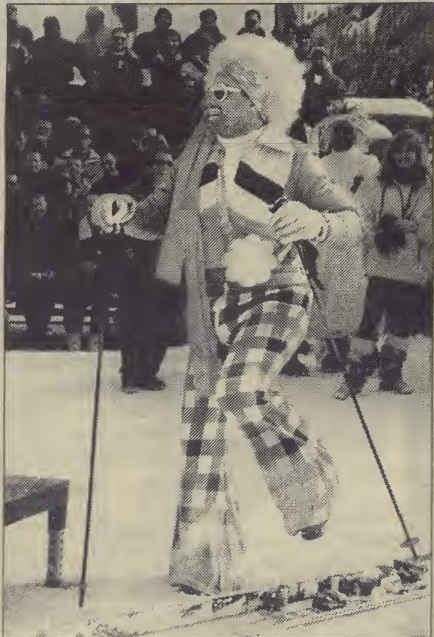
world came to Colorado and took advantage of some of the best skiing in the country.

The "Bump Your Buns" downhill costume competition featured Ski Week's official hostess, Elaine Lancaster, who braved the snow in high heels, gown and feather boa to entertain the crowd before competition began.

The contestants included "Cruella DeVil" and five of her Dalmatian puppies. There was also the group of "Swiss Miss Girls" from Amsterdam in the Netherlands, who won first prize for their matching costumes, complete with replica wooden shoes. "Swiss Miss Patsy" from Switzerland skied down and promptly popped open a bottle of champagne and was attempting to pour it into a glass when he fell.

The second place winners were a group called the "Silver Queens." They skied down holding onto pieces of material that formed a rainbow flag. Since the contest was being sponsored by a beer, made in the Rocky Mountains that everyone seemed to be drinking, the group changed its name to the "Silver Bullets" after crossing the finish line and collapsing in a heap on top of each other.

"Candy," from San Francisco,
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"Rhoda" from the Big Apple wowed the crowd with her vintage bellbottoms and impeccable fashion sense.

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PMS performs at a Jan. 19 Eagle beer bust fundraiser for the upcoming "Moonglow" event.

VNH benefit announced

by Shan Schwartz

A long list of entertainers, hoards of raffle and door prizes, and a "Moonglow Buffet" will highlight an upcoming event recognizing home caregivers in San Francisco.

The second annual "Moonglow - Friends of Cupid" will take place Saturday, February 15 at the Ritz Carlton San Francisco, located at 600 Stockton Street. The event benefits the Visiting Nurses & Hospice of San Francisco and is sponsored in part by the California Pacific Medical Center Foundation.

Visiting Nurses & Hospice of San Francisco, a United Way agency and community service of Cal Pacific Med Center, provides home health and hospice care for patients with terminal illnesses. It also provides other volunteer and bereavement services.

Peter Ciarlo, volunteer chairman and employee of the Hospice department, told the B.A.R. that "Moonglow" is a chance for the community to say "thank you" to the home care aides for their car-

ing and hard work.

"I have worked at Visiting Nurses & Hospice of San Francisco in hospice home care since 1987 and have personally seen the difference their commitment has made in our patients' daily lives," Ciarlo said. "We could not provide the quality care we do without the expertise of these skilled, sensitive caregivers."

Ciarlo said the upcoming event is an extra chance to show the caregivers how much they are appreciated.

"Their pay is very low," he said. "A lot of the per diem home care aides work full-time, but many of them don't have benefits. This is a recognition of their efforts, a tribute to their efforts."

This is the second time Visiting Nurses & Hospice has held the event. The first was in 1995, when Ciarlo and others came up with the idea. Then-mayor Frank Jordan designated that day in 1995 as Home Care Aide Appreciation Day in San Francisco. Ciarlo said he expected Mayor Brown to make a similar designation this year, and he said the mayor is ex-

pected to attend the event.

Dancing during the evening will be to the big band sounds of the Rich Martini Orchestra, but additional entertainers will be performing throughout the event. Singers will include the Lollipop Guild of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, The Baritones, Equal Voices, Talk of the Town, Pattie Lockard, Patty Wolfe, and opera singer Ava Chante de l'Esprit.

Other entertainment will include pianist James Raney, a ballet performance by David Beer and a partner, and a comedy routine by Lurch Sutton, who works full-time as a registered nurse.

Ciarlo said the Moonglow Buffet will feature "all kinds of delicacies," a full side of beef, and a wide selection of pastas.

Finally, Ciarlo said, "Moonglow" will offer a complementary raffle for all attendees, and door prizes for the first 100 who arrive.

Proceeds go primarily to pay for the event, Ciarlo said, but excess funds will go into a Home Care Aide Fund to provide additional appreciation and future events for the Hospice and Home Care workers. ▼

Ticket prices are on a sliding scale, based on an individual's ability to pay. For tickets or more information, call 750-4404 and ask for "Moonglow Peter."

Be united against United Sat.

The Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club will hold a noon-hour informational picket Saturday, February 8 at the United Airlines ticket office at 124 Geary Boulevard.

"We're inviting everyone with frequent flyer miles to come down and join us," said Milk Club president Jeff Sheehy.

The demonstration is in protest of United's reluctance to provide domestic partner benefits to workers, as required by city ordinance for city contract holders.

"We also encourage everyone to write United Airlines and let United know that we want them to provide this benefit to their workers," Sheehy said.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gay man fights back against fundy former boss with lawsuit

by Dennis Conkin

A gay man with HIV who worked for the City of Woodland in Yolo County says that he has filed a federal job discrimination lawsuit in federal District Court not just because he wants cash damages.

Joseph Hernandez filed the lawsuit because he wants other gay people facing similar situations to know that they have legal rights.

Hernandez, 33, worked at the Woodland Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services from March 1995 through March 1996, according to a complaint filed Wednesday, January 29 in the US District Court for the Eastern District. In that year he was allegedly harassed repeatedly for the "disease of homosexuality."

The suit names Hernandez's supervisor Carol Souza, a PRCS administrative secretary, as a principal defendant. According to the complaint, Souza approached Hernandez a month after he started working for the agency to tell him that "unidentified people in City Hall were wondering why the city had hired so many attractive, unmarried men," and that she had "heard rumors" he was gay.

Hernandez told Souza that he was in fact gay, and that her comments "were offensive," the lawsuit claims, but Souza would not believe his declaration because Hernandez didn't "act swishy."

After Hernandez was sick on June 2, 1995, Souza asked him if he had AIDS, but when Hernandez said he didn't — and that he found the question inappropriate — Souza allegedly asked if he "believed in God," the lawsuit alleges.

The next day when Hernandez returned to work, Souza allegedly took him into the office, and told him that being gay "was an abomination" and that he could be cured of "the disease of homosexuality," the civil lawsuit charges.

'You work on your end'

Immediately after Souza made the comment to Hernandez, another Woodland city worker, BJ Byrd, entered the room.

"I'll work on [Hernandez] from my end and pray for you both, while you work on your end," Souza allegedly told Byrd — and later, after Byrd left the room, the suit says that Souza told Hernandez that because Byrd was "a girl," she "could help [him] change."

Hernandez objected to the comments and said they weren't appropriate to the workplace, the lawsuit charges.

Over the next several months, Souza allegedly subjected Hernandez to criticism of his religion, forced him to sit through a prayer, and continued to say that he could be cured by "the Lord," and other comments.

Finally, in September 1995, Hernandez complained to PRCS director Tim Barry — but allegedly nothing was done. In fact, the suit claims that Barry once grabbed his ankles in a simulation of a passive anal sexual pose and shouted, "This one's for you, Joe."



Joseph Hernandez.

Souza and Barry also once required Hernandez to have a physician's note to return to work after a three-day illness, even though there was no previous city policy requiring a doctor's notice to return to work.

The suit lists several examples of Souza's discriminatory conduct, including her comments to Hernandez that "Jesus would not like what you are doing," and "Christianity does not view homosexuality as normal."

Salvation evaluation

The lawsuit claims that the same day she made the virulently anti-gay comments, Souza al-

legedly approached Hernandez with a book entitled *What Would Jesus Do?* — and with a threat to his job.

The lawsuit quotes Souza as telling Hernandez, "This book will help you understand that you won't be with the Lord when you die."

"Remember, I'm supposed to do your evaluation [soon]."

Hernandez immediately understood the threat. "I was afraid of losing my job," he said. "My family is there. I grew up there. I went to school there, and I went to work there."

"It was horrifying."

The suit also charges that a City of Woodland personnel staffer violated Hernandez's HIV confidentiality rights by telling his stepfather's wife that he was HIV-positive — and that he wanted to know if he would file a grievance against Souza.

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Toklas Club asks Pope to remove Levada

by Cynthia Laird

The executive board of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club has written to Pope John Paul II requesting that the Vatican remove Archbishop William Levada from the San Francisco Archdiocese, club co-chair Kevin Piediscalzi said on Tuesday, February 4. Letters have been mailed to the Pope and to the San Francisco Archdiocese, board members told the B.A.R.

"Our city was named after St. Francis of Assisi, who stood for compassion and care. During the AIDS epidemic his spirit was reinforced, as people from every corner of the city came to the aid of the sick and dying," Piediscalzi said. "Levada is placing his strict religious doctrine above the needs of those whom the church should be caring for."

Catholic Charities currently has over \$5 million in annual contracts with the city and county of San Francisco. Services are provided to about 14 different programs, including the recently completed Leland House HIV/AIDS housing complex.

"If Levada and Catholic Charities want to lead a religious pilgrimage, then they should cease taking city money," Piediscalzi said. "If Catholic Charities wants to be a nonprofit organization, then they should cease the inquisition against people with AIDS, lesbians, and gays. He [Levada] clearly values our money, but not our lives."

The Toklas executive board also announced a preliminary plan to set up a public seminar to teach local non-profits how to run housing programs, apply for funding, and care for the sick and dying. The seminar is tentatively scheduled for sometime in April.

Board members expressed disgust that Catholic Charities refuses to recognize the domestic partners of people with AIDS at their care facilities and refuses to distribute condoms, a basic and effective AIDS prevention tool.

Bob Nelson, director of public policy for Catholic Charities, responded to those accusations by saying partners of clients at Catholic Charities facilities are welcome to visit their loved ones in accordance with the physician's instructions. As for condom availability, Nelson said the agency does not receive funds for prevention.

Piediscalzi said that half of the Toklas Club's 17 executive board members stated they were either raised Catholic or are still practicing Catholics. ▼

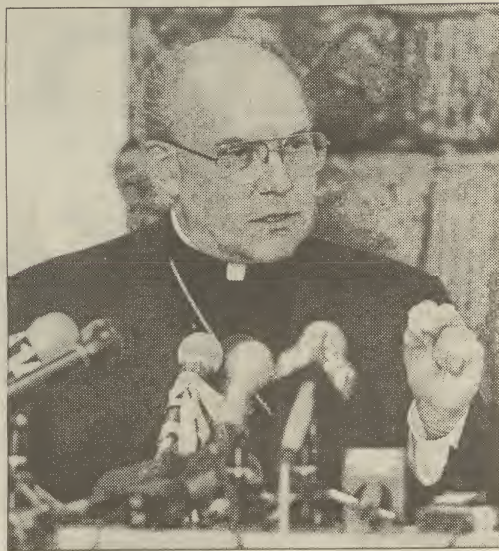
Leland House event cancelled as Levada controversy escalates

by Cynthia Laird

San Francisco Archbishop William Levada insisted he is "not anti-gay," even though he has not backed off his request to exempt Catholic Charities from the city's new domestic partner benefit ordinance. Levada held a news conference Monday, February 3 at St. Mary's Cathedral to publicly express his position on the issue. The controversy surrounding the archbishop ultimately led to the cancellation of today's celebration at Leland House, a 45-bed AIDS housing complex.

Catholic Charities CEO Frank Hudson made that decision January 29, citing political undercurrents. "In the interest of the 45 residents ... I have decided to postpone the ... grand opening event. A future date will be announced," Hudson said in a letter.

On Tuesday, February 4, Mayor Willie Brown said he met with Levada earlier in the morning. He urged the archbishop to "entertain a meeting with Supervisors Barbara Kaufman, Leslie Katz, and Susan Leal." The mayor said he would facilitate the meeting, which could take place as



Archbishop William Levada.

early as this week.

San Francisco's new domestic partner benefit law, scheduled to go into effect June 1, requires businesses that contract with the city to provide benefits to domes-

tic partners of employees if they provide those benefits to spouses.

"Supervisors Leal and Katz seem to have some ideas how Catholic Charities can comply

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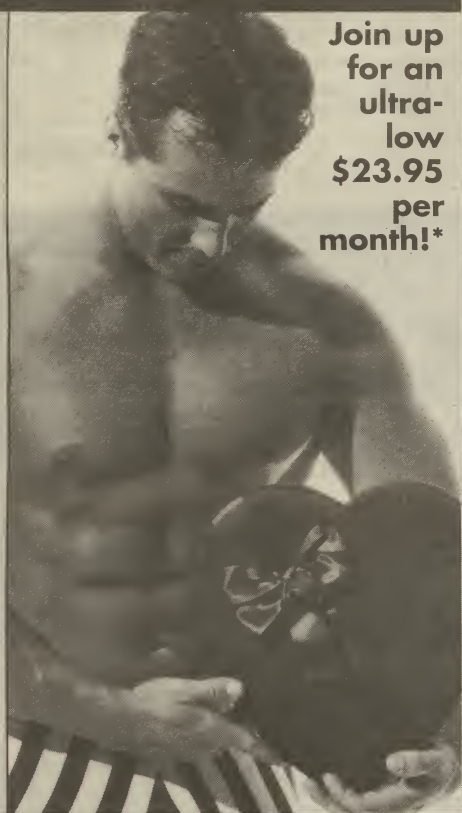
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Pacific Center to host benefit for HIV/AIDS service groups

by Cynthia Laird

A revue featuring music, dance, and comedy, called "Love Without Limits" will be held next Saturday, February 15 in Oakland to benefit the HIV/AIDS services program of the Pacific Center for Human Growth. "It's actually quite exciting," said Robert Fuentes, executive director of the Pacific Center, the oldest queer community center in Northern California. "It's exciting in that it is a show that is completely volunteer-driven."

Pacific Center operates a community center and other services. According to Fuentes, Pacific Center is facing the loss of a local HIV grant at the end of March, due to changes in federal guidelines that will no longer fund HIV support groups.

"The federal government feels support groups are important, but that money should be put into more direct services," said Fuentes. "The center's experience is that preventive services are enhanced through access to support services."

"Love Without Limits" stars Rick Shelton, and will feature many local entertainers. Fuentes said Shelton brought the performers together, and all have donated their time, energy, and talent to help raise funds for the HIV/AIDS program.

Money raised at the benefit will not only ensure that groups at the Pacific Center can continue, but that no one will be turned away for lack of funds, he added.

Shelton is a local entertainer and has been active in the community for several years. He has been featured at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Bar and is known for his

"Mr. Patty-Cake" and "Malka Herpes" characters.

Other acts scheduled to perform include dancers Ney Fonseca and Bridget Hoag; Willie Long Wolf and the North American AIDS Project; Lani Ka'ahumanu and the Sex Sluts; and the rock group The Rodd Brothers. Also slated to appear are the Susana Polynias Dance Group, Lisa Geduldig, and Ken Thomason, also known as "Chicken Lady."

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door. They can be purchased at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Avenue. ▼

"Love Without Limits" starts at 8 p.m. at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center. For more information, call (510) 548-8283 or (510) 939-7711.



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New support group for victims of sexual abuse by clergy members

by Cynthia Laird

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) is forming a second San Francisco support group that will meet Thursday, February 13. Any individual who has been raped by a priest or other clergyman, either as a child or an adult, can come to a SNAP meeting to find support, education, networking, advocacy, and most importantly, validation, said Kay Ebeling, communications director for the San Francisco SNAP chapter.

People who have experienced this type of sexual abuse have not only been sexually violated, but spiritually assaulted, confused, and outraged, she said.

SNAP members often share an unusual combination of character traits: promiscuity or asexuality; confusion about their sexual orientation; or an inability to trust and be intimate. When someone is raped by a priest or other clergyman at an early age, the experience can often lead to peculiar character traits, said Ebeling.

She said that one of the first things a SNAP member notices at a meeting is a sense of relief, and

of knowing there are other people who have had similar experiences happen to them. The crime goes beyond sexual abuse, as the perpetrator in these cases represents "God" and has the victim in a vulnerable position, she added.

Rape by clergypersons goes beyond pedophilia when it involves children, she added, because in those instances not only is the perpetrator a pedophile, he/she has abused the role as a family spiritual guide.

Ebeling said that AB 3354, which eliminated the statute of limitations in cases of child sex molestation, was approved by lawmakers and became law in California last year.

SNAP groups have been meeting locally, Ebeling said, adding that both groups get together in the evenings. Other groups are located in Hayward and San Francisco. Thursday's meeting in the city is for those who cannot go to the other groups.

SNAP was founded in 1991 in Chicago by a group of survivors of rape by priests. The organization is now an international non-profit and offers advocacy as well as support for victims. ▼

For information on the February 13 noon meeting, call (510) 727-1872. For information about SNAP, contact the Chicago headquarters at (312) 409-2602.

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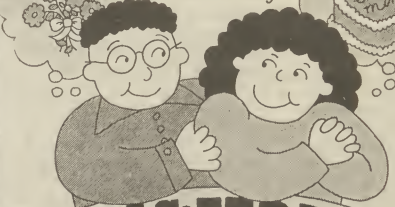


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Groundhog dazed

Well, Punxatawney Phil the groundhog dodged his shadow in Pennsylvania last weekend, so the old wives – whoever they are – are saying the nation will soon come out of its deep freeze and plunge into rejuvenating spring. Even if few people can bring themselves to believe the superstition, it is undeniably comforting and a lovely beginning to the Age of Aquarius. (For those who missed that news a couple of weeks ago, an alignment of Mars and Jupiter finally ushered in the mythic astrologic age that people started singing about 29 years ago.)

So an early spring and the Age of Aquarius is at one end of the hope/despair continuum, albeit counterweighted by the wacky *Weekly World News*, which is predicting the coldest winter in 500 years. From what we read in the check-out line, their "predictions" are based on Nostradamus and Ben Franklin rather than meteorology; can that really measure up to the rigorous science of a nearsighted groundhog with a reported "59% accuracy rate?"

But even with so many forecasting rituals of the season, the one we like best is still the State of the Union address, which is the Groundhog Day ritual made man.

Every year, pundits gather at the stump of the Pennsylvania Ave. Prez and watch closely, to see whether he, too, has been spooked by his shadow. And this year it looks as if he has, and that we may have to wait a bit before any true thaw comes trickling down our way.

Not that Clinton's speech was all bad, or even mostly bad. Actually it said some terrific things and, like the groundhog in Pennsylvania, seemed to entertain his audience enormously. He pressed hard for education, envisioned a future that the Jet-

sons would feel comfortable in, urged the private sector to help with the vast numbers of people being dumped off welfare rolls, and reminded Congress – which frequently needs reminding – that diversity is not a weakness, but a strength.

Then, predictably, the shadow: the GOP response, delivered this year by the only African-American Republican in Congress, J.C. Watts. He, too, said pleasing and palatable things (for the most part) as he prophesied, and as the pundits took notes and consulted their individual compendiums of symbols.

When it was all over, just as in Punx-

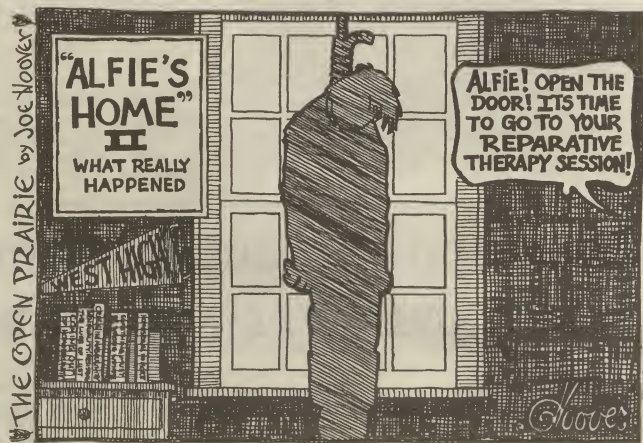
atawney, nothing noticeable had changed. Commentators pointed out that "only time will tell," and people went back to their lives. (Those people who were not, already, glued to the O.J. Simpson verdict – which is to say about three dozen.)

Now that it's over, will Clinton's speech make people take education and public service seriously? Will a new bipartisan spirit overtake lawmakers? Will harmony and peace guide the planets and love rule the stars?

Hey, Punxatawney Phil says it's spring, so anything's possible. Look at the O.J. verdict. ▼



Editorial



Protease inhibitors – hype, hyperbole, reality

by Steven F. Scheibel, M.D.;
Bradford M. Saget, Ph.D.; and
Terry Rowley, SOMA HIV
Consulting

Let's put the protease inhibitors in proper perspective. They are a class of drugs which are tools to construct various cocktails of medications to suppress HIV. They do not represent a "miracle" and, like other antiretroviral medications, have significant side effects and are prone to resistance development especially when used as monotherapy – an antiquated practice which should never be used.

Our estimate (based on private practice experience) is that the side effects associated with zidovudine and zalcitabine make these drugs unusable in 30 to 50% of patients. The major reason is intractable diarrhea and gas. This often leads to limiting the activities of patients so that they are essentially homebound, seeking the refuge of an easy access toilet and fresh laundry. Additionally, zalcitabine with its poor gastrointestinal absorption is a setup for the development of resistant HIV strains due to suboptimal blood levels. Zidovudine has much better activity against HIV; however, the incidence of severe diarrhea and nausea is greater than zalcitabine, often causing weight loss and malabsorption. Obviously, the combination of zidovudine and zalcitabine causes compounded diarrhea distress. On the other hand, Crixivan is tolerated fairly well by most patients but has been associated with kidney stones and in some cases nausea. Are these drugs really a miracle? No, they are only pieces of the treatment puzzle.

The next issue is one of critical importance: the development of multidrug resistance. The much touted three-drug combination of Crixivan, AZT, and 3TC is not the recipe for success in all patients. There may be an initial profound suppression of HIV

viral replication followed by a rise in the viral load and a return of the CD4 cell count to its baseline, pretreatment value. The development of drug resistance to this combination will adversely affect the immune system. The bottom line is that we do not know how long these various cocktails of medications are effective in suppressing HIV. Let's be a little skeptical before we assume that the HIV epidemic can be controlled in the long-term using three-drug combinations.

The development of multidrug resistance is extremely complicated. Resistance may be accelerated by suboptimal dosing or absorption of medications, pre-existing HIV resistance to antiretroviral medications, poor compliance to medication regimen, allergic reactions to medications, duration of HIV infection or stage of HIV disease, or infections that increase the production of HIV, such as the flu or an outbreak of herpes. Intolerance to antiretroviral medications leads to their discontinuation, thereby diminishing the strength of the combination of medications against HIV.

We, as a community, must push for more availability of common sense information including:

(1) In-depth resistance testing of a patient's HIV strain(s) prior to constructing a combination of medications. Resistance testing is also indicated when the HIV load rises after an initial drop (possibly indicating the emergence of multidrug resistance).

(2) Frequent HIV RNA viral load testing with sensitivity of 10 to 20 copies per ml of plasma. An increasing HIV RNA copy number may indicate incomplete viral suppression with the increased possibility of developing multidrug resistance. This situation may signify that the drug regimen should be strengthened by the addition of more an-

tiretroviral medications. Increase the number of medications to four to six drugs to tailor-make a patient's cocktail, with the goal of achieving persistently undetectable HIV levels using the most sensitive test.

(3) Promotion of an observational data base that registers patients on aggressive HIV therapies, to collect samples of plasma and cells for HIV testing and report on the antiviral/immune effectiveness of different combination antiretroviral therapies with time.

(4) The development of a quantitative HIV DNA test that measures the amount of HIV genetic material which is incorporated into blood cells and tissues. This may represent a way to monitor a patient's response to novel combinations of medications following persistent undetectable levels of HIV plasma RNA.

Like many others, we are starved for more information concerning the response of HIV to various cocktails. It seems unwise for agencies such as ADAP and various HMOs to limit the number of medications or tests for HIV levels. These practices may actually promote the development of multidrug resistance through incomplete viral suppression. Theoretically, if HIV cannot replicate it cannot accumulate resistant mutations, thereby preserving the usefulness of a particular cocktail of meds. We cannot allow ourselves to be lulled into the belief that HIV disease can be managed in a cookbook fashion. The goal should be ensuring that a patient, along with their healthcare practitioner, be provided with information to make informed decisions about HIV treatment possibilities rather than guessing; and constructing an effective cocktail of medications for a particular strain of HIV in light of the patient's tolerance to medications. ▼

Guest Opinion

LETTERS

Just say maybe

The phone calls and direct mailings from the Democratic and Republican organizations have started. This is our opportunity to tell them that unless they come out with positive statements concerning domestic partners and/or equal rights for non-heterosexual relationships, the donations have stopped. Why should we donate to organizations that do not recognize our families?

Just say "Maybe" when they call for donations, and write it on their request forms until they show a positive response to our positions.

A.R. Charlton
San Francisco

Sex club position

In your article about the January Coalition For Healthy Sex meeting ("Healthy Sexers discuss the baths," January 16, 1997), there was some confusion between the standards for the operation of sex clubs that the San Francisco Department of Public Health is currently drafting and the voluntary guidelines for the operation of sex clubs that have been developed by the Coalition for Healthy Sex.

The Coalition For Healthy Sex has developed guidelines for the operation of sex clubs in San Francisco. Compliance with these guidelines has always been voluntary. They were developed primarily to assist club owners in providing a safe environment for their patrons.

The DPH standards were developed with the Coalition for Healthy Sex guidelines as a basis because we feel strongly that they provide sound guidance based on the experiences of sex club operators and HIV educators. We have also sought input from members of the Coalition For Healthy Sex in developing the Standards to make sure that they are reasonable, appropriate and realistic. However, it needs to be emphasized that these are DPH standards and not Coalition For Healthy Sex standards. Our goal is to ensure that sex clubs are operating in a manner which helps protect the health and safety of their patrons.

The position of the DPH is that sex clubs can provide an excellent opportunity for HIV prevention and education to occur. However, just like any other commercial establishment such as a restaurant, sex clubs must not operate in a manner which might jeopardize the health or safety of the public.

While we acknowledge the right of individuals to choose whether or not to protect themselves and their partners, we also realize that when this decision occurs in a commercial establishment, it is also the responsibility of both that establishment and the Health Department to ensure the public's health and safety.

The HIV epidemic is not over. Nearly half of the men who have sex with men in San Francisco are HIV infected. We also know that about 2% of men who have sex with men will become HIV infected each year. These numbers are far too high. Our goal, plain and simple, is to prevent new infections of HIV. These standards for sex clubs are just one piece of the prevention effort to reach this goal.

Michael Pendo
Prevention Coordinator
SFPDP, AIDS Office

Mitchell Katz, MD
Director, AIDS Office
Director, Community Health and Safety

[The editor responds: Such "standards" and other strong-arm tactics haven't worked for the last 16 years. What on earth makes you think they'll work now?]

You are what you eat

On Monday, January 13th, I attended a presentation by Ms. Becky Hoh, RD, concerning "HIV Associated Wasting." The presentation was sponsored by the Bay Area Dietetics Association, a professional organization of licensed dietitians and nutrition practitioners. Ms. Hoh's presentation was very well-attended and received by local professionals and at least this one student.

The purpose of this letter is to relay one very important item that was brought up at the presentation. Most often, the services of a dietitian/nutritionist are not considered until a client demonstrates extremely visible signs of nutritional deficiencies. Often at that point it is too late to help someone.

If you are concerned about possible nutrient deficiencies at any stage, especially early, of HIV progression, consider utilizing the services of a professional dietitian/nutritionist. Referrals to local professionals can be found on the American Dietetic Association web-page at: <http://www.eatright.org> or by calling 1-800-366-1600.

Rick Bennett
Oakland, CA

Sports column abuse

I am hoping you get a ton of letters addressing Sports Complex column writer Jim Provenzano, who wholly contradicts himself in his recent "Bad Boy" article and unfortunately ends up attacking a person with whom he claims to sympathize.

He said this article was to be a presumably intellectual dissection of the mainstream (read heterosexual) media's version of this story. What he ended up writing was a sour-tasting mish-mash of a wannabe boy-toy (read homoerotic) fantasy. If it was his intention to discuss the erotic qualities of consensual power exchange by role-playing adult sexual partners versus the mainstream media's implication that the gay community is responsible for proliferating abuse by exploring such fantasies, then so be it. But he really didn't do that now, did he?

Provenzano's assertion that "not unattractive" Boston Bruins Sheldon Kennedy must have liked being sexually assaulted 300 times over 12 years by "burly" manipulating coach Graham James is inconsiderate and unfounded. How anyone who purports to understand the psyche of abused individuals—even going so far as to note Kennedy's temper and substance abuse problems which are classic survivor symptoms—can come to the conclusion that these encounters are potentially erotic is unthinkable. Gee Jim, exactly which "part" of you is thinking that because young Kennedy was unable to defend himself he must have liked it?

You wished your hunky high school coach had seduced you (talk about a sports complex) and by the end of your article you're attacking Kennedy because he doesn't seem to appreciate James' abuse. Talk about a "sick fuck!"

A teenage boy being the target of an adult male's sexual abuse makes neither the child nor the adult gay, and certainly is not about consensual intergenerational sex. Kennedy and all survivors of childhood abuse do not deserve Provenzano's sanctimonious, chop-licking preaching about how he would have known whether or not he liked something "after the first hundred times."

For the record, I am a survivor who has struggled long and hard to be the healthy, sex-positive little nymph I've become. Sheldon Kennedy chose to come forward and call public attention to the issue; he too is refusing to be abused any longer—and his choice to stand up in spite of insensitive attacks by both straight and gay sports writers makes him a hero.

Karin Jaffie
San Francisco

[Jim Provenzano responds: Obviously, by your rage, you are still struggling. It is reactionary types like you that I set out to tick off. Being an abuse survivor gives neither of us ownership on what can and can't be said about the topic. And yes, I reserve the right to be inconsistent.]

Jim walketh among us

[The following was also sent to Jim Provenzano:] Thank you for your adroitly written article, "Why I Hate Pro Football" (January 2). I sent along a copy of your invaluable work to my parents who reside in the San Waa-Keen Valley. Because their over-involvement in watching television has, I fear, made them literary challenged, I underlined your most salient points in red ink.

I prefaced (also in red ink) your beautiful work with my own words: "At last! I have discovered another human being on this planet who precisely sees eye-to-eye with me in relation to football games. I want to meet this wonderful man and marry him."

(I only added the "marry him" part for dramatic effect and to strengthen my point: the admiration and respect I feel for you and your writing. More often than not, my family is very unclear on any concept.)

Thank you. Thank you! My heart feels happy knowing you are on this planet at the same time that I am. Sharing your astute perceptions so skillfully makes this world a more livable and beautiful place.

Anthony Santos
San Francisco

Celeb trashing

I have noticed, as have many of my friends, that your "Out There" section has become more and more negative. Articles trashing Bette Midler, Madonna, Lisa Minnelli, George Michael, Barbara Streisand, Keanu Reeves, Matthew Broderick, and many others have become the "norm." This is not why I read that section, and I don't think that when it first began that was the intention.

I would like to see more positive stories or nothing instead of celeb bashing. If I wanted that kind of trash I would read the *National Enquirer*.

I wonder how many other readers feel the way I do?

Ron Bloom
San Francisco

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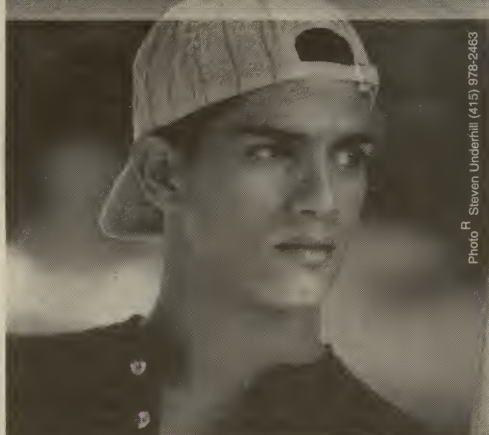


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one community
many faces

Swinging singles

I have a suggestion ... actually, I stole the idea from a segment on *Oprah*. Anyway, the segment featured a dry cleaners where the single patrons had the opportunity to place their picture up on the wall of the cleaners, and if a person was interested in a date with them, they would leave a post-it note on their picture. Of course, the post-it note leaver would also have to have his/her picture up on the wall for the post-it note leaver to view.

As a result, the dry-cleaner business has increased tremendously and a number of dates have occurred. Why don't we have something like that here? I mean ... we've got bars, 976's, personals, the park, dating services, the gym, sex clubs, etc., and yet most of my friends are single ... and I am no exception.

I'm sure some smart entrepreneur could take this idea, run with it, and make a lot of us happy and profit by the venture in the process.

Any takers?

R. P. Podoske
San Francisco

[Didn't the old Honeybucket used to do that?]

Unleashing the dogma

I read with interest the January 9 article by Dennis Conkin. I thought it was a fair article. I am sorry that this confusion stirred up by the *Way to Freedom and Beyond Dogma* translators and editors continues to cause so much unhappiness in the gay and lesbian community and among His Holiness the Dalai Lama's friends.

Last spring, I enjoyed lecturing in the Bay Area, where I had the pleasure of getting to know Steve Peskind, who gave me materials showing the contradiction between various published statements of His Holiness, which I passed on to His Holiness' office in Dharamsala. A formal response still didn't get done — you would have to see the staffing shortage and correspondence pressure of the little refugee Tibetan Government-in-Exile office there to understand.

I recently sent another request to Dharamsala for a clarifying statement, and telephoned a number of officials who would be returning there this month for yearly meetings, to get them to get the office to focus on it and get it done. I hope to hear something soon.

I just want to underline what I'm sure the discerning reader has noticed, namely that His Holiness is already on the record with his personal view on homosexuality. His personal view is clearly that which he expressed in the *Out* magazine article interview. "As long as no harm is done to anyone — then whatever, individuals are free." That is the personal view of His Holiness, already given to Scott Hunter three years ago, clearly on the record.

However, he cannot deny that there are the multi-thousand year old Buddhist rules and regulations restricting many expressions of sexuality, written for monastic-centered communities wherein total celibacy is a central practice. He must refer to these as a scholar to those who study those old regulations, especially when speaking of Tibetan to his own monks, or in Dharma communities where monks are an important part of the audience.

It is quite correct of Mr. Conkin to state that ancient religious regulations — of any religion — can be used by religious fanatics to justify the violent persecution of people. His Holiness and his colleagues and friends should be more careful about the translating out of Tibetan and the editing and publishing process of such lectures to the general public, to avoid the misunderstandings and negative consequences that Conkin warns against.

However, it is another matter to fan the flames of anxiety too much and so stir up animosity against Buddhists, just because there are ardent sexual prohibitions in its ethical codes (prohibitions that apply just as much to heterosexuality as to homosexuality, by the way). Such animosity could itself lead to the persecution of Buddhists in this traditionally non-Buddhist country. To be fair and nonsectarian across the board, Mr. Conkin should do articles on the Torah, the Bible, the Quran, the Hindu Dharmashastras, and so forth, and call upon the leaders of the denominations of those religions to clarify their positions, since it is a fact that all religions' ancient moral texts are highly intolerant of anything other than straight procreative sex — the minimum necessary to keep families going.

I hope to have a clarifying statement from His Holiness soon. Then, when His Holiness comes to San Francisco to the "Peacemaking: The Power of Nonviolence Conference" hosted by Tibet House this June 9 - 11, we will be sure to hold a meeting with the leaders of the gay and lesbian community, though it will be brief since His Holiness is always too pressed for time when on the road. Until these things happen, all friends of His Holiness and of Buddhism would request a modicum of patience.

Robert A. F. Thurman
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Professor of Religion, Columbia University
New York, NY

Rock 'em sock 'em Buddhists, round two

[The following was sent was sent to David Sunseri, regarding his letter to the editor of January 16:]

On January 9, the B.A.R. featured an article regarding the Dalai Lama's printed comments on inappropriate sexual behavior, for homosexuals and heterosexuals. The comments appear in two recent books under his name and an *Out* magazine interview. Because of confusion and distress about these comments among several people — gay Buddhists, people living with HIV/AIDS, and even Buddhist scholars — I simply asked him again to clarify his statements with regard to source, context, and so on. I had first asked him directly through Columbia University Professor Robert Thurman in March, 1996. There was no response. You responded to the B.A.R. article with a letter to the editor publicly attacking me for publicly questioning the Dalai Lama's comments in print. Since you have cut off personal communication between us, I hope this letter finds its way to you.

As you may know, Buddhist core teaching is not only about the truth of suffering and the real joy. It's about skillfully responding to suffering and the whole display of life. In fact, our only freedom as human beings is in the integrity and fullness of the heartfelt response we choose. Some of the Dalai Lama's comments in question, poorly edited, support internal and external homophobia and a worldwide atmosphere of permission for violence against homosexual behavior. This is far from his intention for all to see clearly and practice non-violence and kindness for all.

And with regard to "response," your public lashing out against perceived personal insult is a clearly harmful response to you and others. Your intention to harm is clear. You apparently did not read the article carefully, jumped to the worst possible conclusions about my intentions, and attacked.

If you had addressed me personally about the article, I would have told you clearly that I never refer to myself as "a gay San Francisco Buddhist leader," I cannot and do not manipulate the press, and my intention is simple: to help stop the needless harming of people by people.

As you have said often in giving meditation instructions to others, "Please practice with what is right in front of you." Please look in the mirror. You cannot evade your own good heart, which knows better than to needlessly attack and harm.

Steve Peskind
Buddhist AIDS Project
San Francisco

ADAPtable Guv

Readers of two articles in the January 16, 1997 *Bay Area Reporter* may be confused about the governor's budget proposal for the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which makes treatment available for those needing financial assistance.

The Department of Health Services has heard a consistent message from people living with HIV/AIDS — access to medication is an overwhelming priority. This is reflected in the governor's proposal to increase total funding for ADAP to almost \$84 million in the next budget year as well as increasing the current year budget by \$18 million.

New combinations of drug therapies are producing dramatic improvements in the life of many people living with HIV/AIDS. AIDS hospices are closing and hospital AIDS wards are being consolidated. As the face of the epidemic changes, California must refine its public health efforts related to it. To meet the increasing demands on ADAP and add new therapies without increasing eligibility standards requires a financial plan that balances the need for treatment dollars with the need to support the infrastructure that assists people with HIV/AIDS.

To help pay the cost of expanding the therapies covered by ADAP, the governor is proposing that some Ryan White Care Act funds be used to supplement the ADAP budget. Only a small amount, about 15 percent, of the funds that go to nine metropolitan areas in California will be affected. This isn't a new approach. In fact, in New York, the only state with an ADAP larger than California's, 25 percent of these funds are allocated to the program.

As Assemblywoman Carole Migden noted, the number of AIDS-related obituaries in the *Bay Area Reporter* has dropped dramatically. The governor's budget proposal for ADAP is intended to further reduce those numbers.

Lynda L. Frost
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[Editor's note: Glad to see Pete pays attention to the B.A.R. We hope he reads us regularly enough to know that the situation for gay people and people with AIDS improves despite, rather than because of, him.]

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POLITICS

Reed between the lines

by Wayne Friday

No one ever said that **Ralph Reed**, the boyishly handsome executive director of the almost exclusively white, ultra-conservative Christian Coalition, was stupid. After last November's general election, where the Coalition-backed candidates for Congress fared much worse than expected, Mr. Reed and his fundraising wizards have apparently decided they need to broaden their base — now.

So it hardly came as a shock when the Christian Coalition recently declared that it's "reinventing its mission" and reaching out to minorities, particularly the African-American and Latino communities. Quoting the late Rev. **Martin Luther King Jr.** while standing shoulder-to-shoulder with black and Latino clergy, Mr. Reed announced his "Samaritan Project" and issued a call for his followers to make racial reconciliation the "center-piece" of their new legislative agenda.

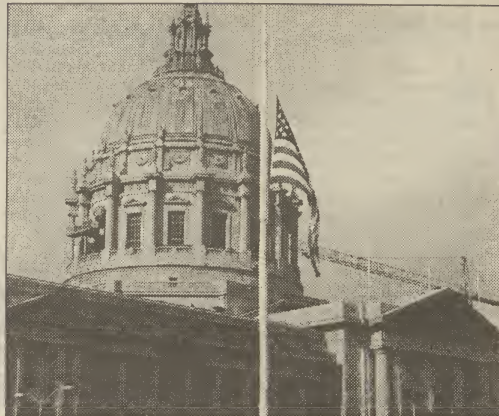
Reed and his flock are trying to widen their appeal by urging the new 105th Congress to pass a package of bills (scholarships, tax credits, etc.) aimed at improving poor black and Latino communities. Claiming that "for too long, our movement has been primarily a white, evangelical, Republican movement, whose center of gravity focused on the safety of the suburbs," Reed stated that the Samaritan Project is a "bold plan to break that color line and bridge the gap that separates white evangelicals and Roman Catholics from their Latino and African-American brothers and sisters."

Are you sick to your stomach yet, folks? There's more. **Ralph Reed** says he is reaching out to minority communities by "helping" raise up to \$10 million over the next few years for black and Latino churches' use in outreach ministries. (Why not just get the checkbook out right now?)

Reed, whose Coalition is made up of an estimated 1.7 million people who attend nearly 100,000 churches and support conservative Republican candidates almost exclusively, was quick to assure the faithful that the Coalition has no intention of abandoning its past political stances, including opposition to abortion rights, gay rights, gambling, and a big-government approach to social programs. According to **Ralph**, the CC merely wants to do its part for hard-pressed minority groups. Right.

One of the country's worst-kept political secrets is the increasing power of the Latino community, particularly at the ballot box, an area where **Ralph Reed** and Co. could use some help. Skeptics were quick to react to Reed's new plan. Upon hearing that the Coalition plans to sponsor a "congress on racial justice and reconciliation" May 3 in Baltimore, critics from the black community ridiculed the plan as a "scam" to funnel money to religious institutions, which Mr. Reed apparently hopes to have a part in controlling.

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, called



Caen by candlelight: A public memorial for Pulitzer Prize-winning *Chronicle* columnist **Herb Caen** will take place on Friday, Feb. 7, at Grace Cathedral, and a Celebration of Life party will follow on the Embarcadero's **Herb Caen Way**. A candlelight walk will cap the festivities. Flags flew at half-mast at City Hall and across SF to mourn the veteran journalist's passing.

the Samaritan Project a "cheap veneer over the same creaky agenda of intolerance, moral paternalism, and government aid to religion that the Coalition failed to pass during the last Congress." He added that "it is hard to take seriously any claim that Mr. Reed suddenly wants to help all the poor, when as recently as three years ago, he criticized federal healthcare programs which included drug treatment and mental health coverage, asserting that 'churchgoing families are less prone to use these programs, the services that they don't need or want.'"

Ralph Reed as the Good Samaritan? That's a stretch even for this role-playing fundy.

Politics and people

Lt. Gov. **Gray Davis** is taking all kinds of heat for his publicity-grabbing effort of offering a \$50,000 reward for the killer of **Bill Cosby's** son, **Ennis**. There is someone killed in LA every day, **Gray**, though granted their father isn't Dr. Huxtable. To his credit, **Cosby** has rejected the idea and asked that no taxpayer money be used. Nice try, Mr. **Davis**, but clumsy.

SF is doing really well in Sacramento! Not only is Assemblywoman **Carole Migden** the new chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee, but Speaker **Cruz Bustamante** last week also named former Supe Prez **Kevin Shelley** a member as well.

Bay Area Republicans, still chaffing at losing the East Bay's 10th Congressional District to Democrat **Ellen Tauscher**, are already desperately looking for a "name" candidate to oppose her in '98, with 49er tight end **Brent Jones**, a conservative, evangelical Christian, being prominently — and very prematurely — mentioned as a likely foe.

Hey, empress candidates, take note: **Christie's** in London is holding the mother (princess?) of all used clothing sales next month when they auction off 65 of **Princess Di's** evening gowns. Now that she knows she will never be queen, she apparently no longer wants them. Who knows, maybe there's something in there that'll fit **Sweet Lips!**

Yes, I most assuredly, absolutely support the June ballot measure

for a new 49er stadium complex.

Well, thank you, **Jane "Mrs. Ted Turner" Fonda!** News out of Los Angeles has LA mayoral candidate/state Senator **Tom Hayden** personally writing off more than \$1.5 million of past campaign debts as he gets ready to sink more of his own wealth into an extremely difficult race to unseat incumbent Mayor **Richard Riordan** in the April elections. A recent poll shows **Riordan** leading **Hayden** by a whopping 53%-15%, with the rest going to other candidates.

She may have made history, but no time after her being sworn in, D.C. insiders are reportedly already getting tired of Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright's** "I know what's best for the world" pronouncements.

As you probably know by now, *The New England Journal of Medicine* last week endorsed the medical use of marijuana for AIDS, cancer, and other sufferers. Now will someone just tell **Barry McCaffrey**, **Bill Clinton's** drug czar, plus **Donna Shalala**, **Janet Reno** and the other "liberals" in the administration the news?

George Bush Jr., the 50-year-old governor of Texas who must get re-elected next year, is reportedly "interested" in the 2000 presidential race.

I know that I've been saying all along that Senator **Dianne Feinstein** will run for governor next year. However, I've changed my mind and think now that my favorite senator will take a pass on the race.

Raising Caen


There is little I can say about that SF icon, columnist **Herb Caen**, my journalistic hero, that hasn't already been said. Except to note that I am proud we were friends, and like everyone else in this city, I will miss him very much. **Herb**, who died at age 80 of lung cancer early Saturday morning, was very good to me over the 20 years I knew him, mentioning me in his column periodically and always in a positive light. I last saw and spoke with **Caen** in December at Glendale Memorial Church. He was very ill and well aware that he was dying. Nevertheless, he was in good spirits and passed me a handwritten holiday message. I know it's been said many times this past week, but **Herb Caen** truly was one of a kind. Baghdad by the Bay will never be quite the same without him ... ▼



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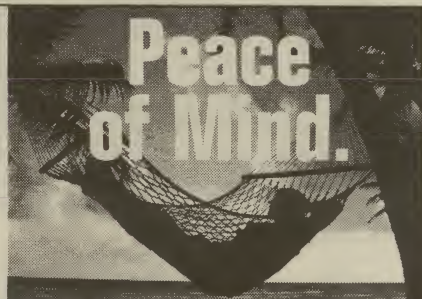


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Mickey Maoist Club

by Beth Elliott

Meanwhile, Back in the Jungle (Ah, ah, ah-ah ah!) (and that would be the Cadets, 1956) Dept: Not all of my group's time in Nepal was spent in Kathmandu Valley. Halfway into the trip, we made an excursion west to Pokhara, a lakeside town at the foot of the Annapurna range, then south to Royal Chitwan National Park, a wildlife preserve in the Terai, a low-elevation strip on the Ganges Plain. This journey was the beginning of our introduction to Nepali politics.

Nepal is still officially a kingdom. A fledgling democratic government lasted from 1951 until 1960, when the king replaced the government with hand-picked ministers. This "panchayat" system was replaced in 1990 by an elected parliament, after a demonstration on Durbar Marg ended in government violence. Many people were jailed for their pro-democracy organizing, including Dikendra Kandel, our college's local coordinator, and guest lecturer/human rights activist Kapil Shrestha.

While we were there, the governing coalition between Congress Party Nepal and the Marxist-Leninist Coalition (a kind of social democrat party) was unraveling, and got hit with a call for a no-confidence vote. In the midst of this, a Maoist faction called for a one-day general strike - on the day we would be leaving for Pokhara. We rearranged our schedule to move the trip one day so to avoid forcing our drivers and their assistants (whose politics we didn't know) to choose between paying work and running the risk of being attacked by Maoists. Since the focus of the strike was the Valley, it would help to be out of town so we wouldn't be a target for attack as a high-profile group of Western students.

So we were off for Pokhara, dodging buses and trucks with gaudy Indian-style decoration on the narrow highway along the Trisuli River. The scenery was steep hillsides, many with terraced fields, along a river with stretches of whitewater. Very Asian, very beautiful - although strangely not as gripping for me as California's back country. I don't know why; unless this Volcano Girl thing is more significant than even I

imagine. Some of the towns and villages through which we passed had murals pushing condoms against disease and sterilization against the population bomb. I wasn't really thrilled that every so often our driver's assistant would jump out to show a list of passengers at a police checkpoint.

I noticed that temples and stupas became much more modest and less frequent as we traveled through the countryside, appearing again in greater number as we approached Pokhara and the Annapurna range came into sight in the background. Most of the peaks in this range are named Annapurna, sometimes with a numeric designation tacked on at the end, like Bob 1 and Bob 2 of Devo. An exception is Machhapuchhare, or Fish-tail, so called because of the effect of viewing its twin meters-apart peaks from the west.

Easy living

It's said Pokhara is one of the most strikingly beautiful spots on Earth, and it would be hard for me to argue. The pyramidal Fish-tail looks like a model for the Paramount Pictures peak, and the view from my balcony was pretty spectacular. Transportation and government agencies (including museums) did shut down for a day, so we had no choice but to spend an entire day chilling out (darn!). We were in a resort hotel, and the chillin' was easy.

I knew my flake roommate would feel guilty about staying here and not stop to think of the local jobs we were subsidizing, or the business and management training those jobs made possible. Sure enough, she spent nearly all her time in town, saying, "I can't stay here when we passed subsistence farms on the way!" After noting Japanese-style amenities in the room, I remarked that we Westerners were probably an afterthought. Sure enough, there were vacationing Indians around, and the conference room hosted a meeting for a group of Japanese. How presumptuous to think we were the big cheeses here instead of Asian businesspeople!

Some of us did go hiking; some of us (myself included)

went rowing - boat rentals and restaurants were still open. With the exception of a few Tibetans hawking jewelry, we could stroll through town unharassed. People greeted us cheerfully, and the children were especially taken with Robin, with whom I went rowing; she's close to six feet tall, a light-skinned African-American with long braids.

While we were spared the usual Nepali city air pollution, we found out Pokhara was not on strike; the town had instead declared an impromptu holiday. That was their story, and they were sticking to it, despite the small bomb found in the center of town early in the morning that was probably meant as a warning from the otherwise cloutless Maoists.

Cloutless and clueless. Yeah, I know - it used to be cool to carry around the Little Red Book when we thought revolution meant thoroughly implementing things like the anti-war movement, the civil rights movement, and the ideals behind LBJ's Great Society. Before we figured out that a "constant revolution" with Cultural Revolution-type rooting out of improper thought and pressuring the politically incorrect to make self-denunciation would result in a situation less like Woodstock and more like Al-tamont.

Some of us figured this out watching women whose lesbianism was more a political stance than an attraction to women pull this crap on us in our own community - in our own rap groups, in space we were trying to make safe and supportive for women coming out (since there was precious little of it at the time). Fortunately, the above-ground lesbian community and its institutions have grown to the point that there's enough room for us, by and large, to safely ignore those who would tell the rest of us how to live. We know, for example, which side won the lesbian sex wars of the 1980s.

Yet how large could we be, how strong could we be, if the community had been able to grow unimpeded by that Maoist-style internecine warfare? ▼



Sapphistication

HIV/Traditional Chinese Medicine education program to be held Tuesday

by Cynthia Laird

For those who are interested in learning about HIV and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine will host a free health education program this Tuesday, February 11 in San Francisco.

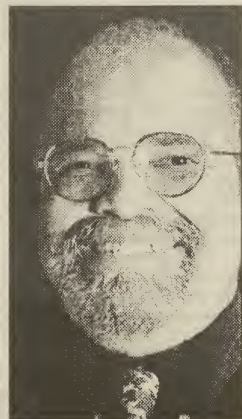
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The program will feature discussions about the experiences people with HIV have in integrating TCM into their healthcare regimen. Casimir said that there will be ample time for questions and discussion. Refreshments and literature will be provided. ▼

The program will be held at the ACTCM Community Clinic, lower level, 450 Connecticut Street. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m.; the program is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. To reserve a seat or for more information, call the college at (415) 282-7600.



Bart Casimir

An American Amazon lesbian in Paris

by David Bianco

This week in gay history: Natalie Barney dies in Paris at age 95 on February 2, 1972.

Often called "the leading lesbian of her time," Natalie Barney stands out in the history of the early 20th century as an unapologetic, visionary woman-loving woman whose influence extended far beyond the circle of lesbians who surrounded her.

Born into a family of railroad magnates in Ohio, Barney lived a life of luxury as a child, and soon found herself studying in Paris, as was the custom among many young women of her class. Paris and Barney were a perfect match, and she quickly acquired impeccable French, and came to love deeply the city where she was to spend the vast majority of her life. Paris was one of the few places in

even as a non-lesbian. Determined to reclaim Sappho as a model of unabashed lesbian friendship and love, the pair traveled to the isle of Lesbos in 1904 and bought homes there, although the relationship soon ended and Barney retreated to Paris, determined to create a Sapphic society in her adopted hometown.

In the early 20th century, the dominant scientific model of homosexuality either considered lesbians and gays to be sick, or classified them as members of a "third sex." Many homosexuals internalized these categories, which were reflected in their dress, mannerisms, and patterns of living. Barney, however, objected to the notion that lesbians should dress or act in any way like men, saying, "Why try to resemble our enemies?"

Indeed, in her sexual appetite

Pound, Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, Djuna Barnes, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and James Joyce could be found sipping tea and conversing in Barney's salon.

Barney continued her many affairs—including one with Oscar Wilde's niece Dolly—but entered her most important long-term relationship, with the American painter Romaine Brooks, in 1915. Barney and Brooks remained lovers for more than 55 years, although in 1968, the pair of octogenarians separated because Brooks could no longer tolerate Barney's repeated indiscretions, especially an affair with a younger (69-year-old) woman.

Natalie Barney was not, however, known for her literary ability. Her poetry, both in her day and in ours, was considered mediocre, and much of her writing remains unpublished. But Barney never seemed to care—she once quoted Oscar Wilde, saying, "I've put my genius into my life; I've put only my talent into my works." ▼

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In her sexual appetite, Barney more resembled the stereotype of a gay man than that of a lesbian.

the world where lesbianism was not only legal but looked upon as exotic and fascinating—and Natalie Barney fit right in. When her parents died and left her more than four million dollars (in turn-of-the-century dollars), she had the wealth necessary to embark on her unusual career as an open lesbian intellectual in early 20th century Europe.

By age 12, Barney had experienced lesbian sex, and by age 22, she was involved in a passionate affair with the stunning Liane de Pougy, the most prominent courtesan of her time (a courtesan was a kind of high-class prostitute). But Barney was never one for monogamy, and while her lover was abroad she fell in love with another expatriate American in Paris, a poet named Renee Vivien. Barney and Vivien (an alcoholic anorexic who was fascinated with death) developed a certain intellectual symbiosis, and they began to explore in their conversations, letters, essays, and poetry the ideas of exactly what lesbianism was or should be.

Much of this exploration centered on Sappho, the Greek lesbian poet, who despite the clear erotic meaning of much of her writing about women, was generally interpreted by male Sappho scholars at the time (many of them gay) as a sexual predator or

she more resembled the stereotype of a gay man than that of a lesbian. She was rarely able to maintain a monogamous relationship with any of her lovers, often living with more than one in her famous home at 20 Rue Jacob. She was known to enjoy sex in all its combinations—outdoors, semi-publicly, and on occasion with more than one woman. Her unabashed approach to sexuality, combined with her bewitching good looks and her long flowing white gowns earned her the nickname "the Amazon."

Barney completely rejected the notion that as a lesbian she was some kind of sick creature deserving of punishment. She wrote, "Albinos aren't reproached for having pink eyes and whitish hair, why should they hold it against me for being a lesbian? It's a question of nature: my queerness isn't a vice, isn't 'deliberate,' and harms no one. What do I care, after all, if they vilify or judge me according to their prejudices?"

But Barney was perhaps most famous for her salon, held every Friday in her home for more than 60 years. French and American artists, poets, philosophers, and other intellectuals (male and female) gathered in her home to listen to poetry, eat cucumber sandwiches, and discuss the issues of the day. At various times, Ezra

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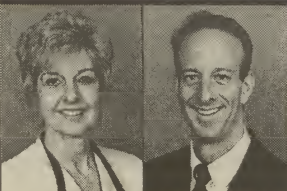
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R&B hit doesn't quite fit the 'Bill'

by Don Romesburg,
GLAAD/SF media resource
center manager

Bill, a song by Peggy Scott-Adams currently storming R&B airwaves across the country, tells the story of a woman coming to grips with the discovery of her husband's sexual orientation. In the song, she recalls being at a party with her husband, and finding him in a passionate embrace with their close friend Bill.

"Bill was a friend/ He was gone/ I was alone/ Now it looks like Uncle Bill wants to be his stepmom," she sings. "I asked my man, why didn't you tell me that you were gay/ When you knew that I built my world around you/ Here's what he had to say: 'I knew I had those feelings/ And I didn't want it to be/ See I thought by being with you, girl, I thought it would change me.'"

She also explains that there isn't any shame in her situation, but says, "My man was just a queen that thought he was a king." As the husband leaves with Bill, "He said, 'I know you're hurt, and I know you're mad/ but if it's not asking too much baby, could you tell my son I love him and I'm still his dad.'"

The song illuminates the struggle of lesbian and gay people coming out to their heterosexual spouses and the pain that it can cause for everyone involved. It also highlights why sometimes people who know that they are gay decide to get married in hopes of being able to ignore or "change" their sexual orientation. It is clear that the husband and Bill will remain close to the son. Unfortunately, much of the sensitivity of this song is counterbalanced by the unnecessary and out-of-place effeminization of Bill (who wants to be a "stepmom") and the husband (a "queen who thought he was a king"). In doing so, songwriter Jimmy Lewis, who in a number of interviews about the song has called himself an "avowed heterosexual," perpetuates stereotypes about gay men.

Please write to the songwriter/producer and performer and let them know that you appreciate this supportive, clever song. Encourage them to continue to produce music that address sensitive issues, but not to include any tired stereotypes that only serve to demean people.

Contact: Jimmy Lewis, Producer, and Peggy Scott-Adams, Mardi Gras Records, Inc., 3331 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70115, phone: 504.895.0441, fax: 504.891.4214.

No room at the Holiday Inn?

A Super Bowl Sunday Holiday Inn television ad featuring a transsexual has drawn mixed reactions from lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender viewers and was pulled from the air on January 28. In the ad, a tall, blond female model walks through a class reunion, drawing ogling glances and gaping mouths from onlookers as a narrator recounts how much she paid for her new nose, lips, and bust. She runs into a classmate who says that he never forgets a face. After realizing that she is a transsexual and was Bob

Johnson during their school years together, his face turns from friendly to stunned and finally horrified as he says, "Bob? Bob, is that you?" Throughout his exaggerated reaction, however, the transsexual woman looks confident. The narrator says, "It's amazing the changes you can make for a few thousand dollars," alluding to Holiday Inn's billion-plus renovation campaign.

It is encouraging that Holiday Inn and its advertising agency, Fallon McElligott, saw the realization of a transsexual's physical gender transformation as positive and worthy of comparison to the betterment of the Holiday Inn hotel chain. Additionally, the confidence the transsexual woman exhibits is noteworthy. Even the very recognition that transsexuals are part of the mosaic of society is positive in the visibility it lends to transgender issues. Even so, the reaction of the man is appalling, insensitive, and mean-spirited. It is as if nothing could have been more horrifying to the man than "Bob" being a woman. After receiving complaints both by transphobic people and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, Holiday Inn quickly pulled the ad.

Whatever impression it left you with, please write to Holiday Inn and Fallon McElligott and encourage them to continue to strive to sensitively represent the diversity of their customers, including transgender, lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

Contact: Craig Smith, Public Relations Director, Holiday Inn World Wide, 3 Rivinia Drive, Suite 2000, Atlanta, GA 30346, phone: 770.604.2000, fax: 770.604.5403, e-mail: hi-wspt@mindspring.com. Pat Fallon, Chairman, Fallon McElligott, 901 Marquette Avenue, Suite 3200, Minneapolis, MN 55402, fax: 612.321.2346, pat.fallon@fallon.com.

Alfie's Home is a terrible place to live

In mocking response to Alyson Publishing's award-winning children's books *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate*, Richard Cohen, founder of the anti-gay International Healing Foundation, presents his own children's book, entitled *Alfie's Home*, that spreads lies and myths about the gay and lesbian community and touts so-called reparative therapy. The story follows Alfie, a teenage boy who lives in a dysfunctional family. When Alfie starts recognizing his attraction to other boys, he seeks out a counselor for help and advice. The counselor, however, tells Alfie that he is not gay and that his gay feelings were caused by the absence of his father's love and Alfie's history of sexual abuse by his uncle. Alfie's struggle with his sexual orientation miraculously brings the family together, with his father spending more time with his son and the uncle apologizing for his criminal behavior. Alfie then decides he is not gay and ends up marrying a woman.

These kinds of lies can lead to homophobic parents to create a home atmosphere that is hostile

to youth dealing with their sexual orientation. They can also create despair for young people who are beginning to deal with being gay when they realize that it is not something that can be "cured." *Alfie's Home* could even contribute to the number of lesbian and gay youth who turn to drugs and alcohol, or attempt suicide. Cohen also discounts the hundreds of thousands of gay men and lesbians who have come from loving parents and who have never had a history of sexual abuse.

Write the International Healing Foundation and let them know what a disservice they are doing for children, especially those who are gay and lesbian. Also, please report to GLAAD any book-

stores or libraries where you might have seen this book by calling 1-800-GAY-MEDIA or e-mailing glaad@glaad.org.

Contact: Richard A. Cohen, Director, International Healing Foundation, P.O. Box 901, Bowie, Maryland 20718-0901, fax: 301.341.1258, e-mail: IHF90@aol.com

Lesbian and gay youth find safe place in cyberspace

In a January 28 *Newsday* article entitled "What A Difference A Modem Makes," writer Matthew McAllester explores the high-speed connections lesbian and gay teens are making online. McAllester writes, "For gay teenagers like Jay, 17, it's a lifeline," noting that for many teenagers, the Internet is a fascinating and exciting source of information and communication. Giving isolated lesbian and gay youth online opportunities to meet, chat and find "virtual homes" where they are loved and accepted turns the Internet into a limitless resource. David Kilmnick, founder of the Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth group LIGLY, said that last year over 400 gay youth got in touch with LIGLY, "over half of them via the Internet or America Online." Reaching out to America's lesbian and gay youth via the Net is not without its risks, writes McAllester, "but don't believe much of the hype about how cyberspace is populated with pedophiles." More common risks are teenage crisis cases with no local assistance, and potentially ill-fated long-distance love affairs.

Supportive and healthy virtual communities can be real life-savers for isolated lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning teens. One lesbian teen found that she was helping women older than herself come to terms with their sexuality. Using the Internet to develop support systems that fan out into community-based forums and meeting places for these youth help displace the long roads and intolerant views that separate gay teens and their peers. It also gives today's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth the opportunity to create their own revolution—a cyber-Stonewall.

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KOFY's Gabbert ups the ante against Wotman as harassment suit nears

by Dennis Conkin

A libel and defamation countersuit filed last October by openly gay KOFY-TV 20 television station owner James Gabbert against gay attorney Paul Wotman will be amended this week to include trade libel charges, the *Bay Area Reporter* has learned.

Gabbert filed the libel lawsuit against Wotman and Roger Mele, a former KOFY employee who alleged in a widely publicized 1995 lawsuit that he was sexually harassed by Gabbert repeatedly while working at the television station.

Former Wotman attorney Robert Lazo is also named as a defendant in the libel action.

The sexual harassment action against Gabbert is scheduled to come to trial in April, but an attorney who represents Pacific FM, Gabbert's corporate entity, characterizes the harassment allegations in the complaint filed by Wotman as worse than bogus — he says they are "malicious lies."

"It's clear to me from the beginning that this action was filed purely for the plaintiff to try to get a quick buck," said attorney Joe Schwachter, a partner in the management defense firm Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff, Tichy and Mathiason.

"The only reason I'm talking to you," he told the *B.A.R.*, "is that there is a need for people to be aware and concerned when they

read about any kind of sexual harassment allegations. Particularly when the allegations are the word of one person against another."

A former litigator with the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., the openly gay Schwachter is also a workplace sexual harassment expert who has presented at seminars and workshops all over the country about the issue. A former board member and legal counsel for National Gay Rights Advocates, he graduated from the John Marshall College of Law at Ohio's Cleveland State University in 1976 and has been with Little, Mendelson since 1989.

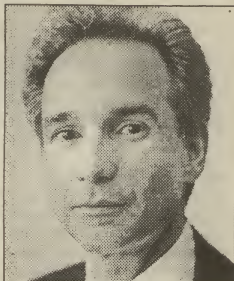
'A wake-up call'

"I'm talking to you because I want to place a wake-up call to people that when these kind of allegations are made, you must also make sure that you listen to the other side of the story," he said.

According to Schwachter, depositions taken in the case, including those of plaintiff Roger Mele and other witnesses, do not support the sexual harassment allegations.

"Not only have no witnesses come forward to affirm the allegations, but as Paul [Wotman] well knows, his client has been unable to support them and in fact has denied the truth of the brunt of the allegations in the complaint," Schwachter said.

The allegations were made in a verified complaint under the penalty of perjury.



Attorney Joe Schwachter.

"I'm not going to comment on the specifics because we are being sued and the case is going to trial on April 14," Wotman responded.

Wotman said that the statute of limitations has expired for the allegations against him, and dismissed the lawsuit as an "illegal attempt" to chill his right to talk about major issues facing the lesbian and gay community, such as same-sex sexual harassment in the workplace.

"My experience is, in fact, that after other articles about sexual harassment lawsuits reported by the *Bay Area Reporter*, I've had young and middle-aged men come up and say that they had been sexually harassed while working in a gay bar or restaurant.

"They didn't know they had rights and didn't have to put up with it," Wotman said.

"In many gay businesses over

the years, having sex with the boss was considered necessary or expected. It's only recently that gay men have begun to realize that they don't have to put out to have a job," he said. "In many ways, gay men have been in the position of women for a long time with regard to not having rights."

'Willing to do anything'

When the case was first filed, Wotman called the lawsuit the "worst case" of sexual harassment that he'd ever encountered in his legal experience.

But Schwachter says that a review of the facts indicates the case is without merit and that Wotman should have investigated the complaint thoroughly before filing the harassment action.

"I think that an attorney has a responsibility to fully investigate a claim before they file and before allegations are made. Particularly when they blast those allegations in the press," Schwachter said.

"If you are accused of sexual impropriety in our society, you've got problems. Publicizing these allegations was irresponsible, and I think the public should be concerned about people who make such irresponsible and unfortunate allegations," he said.

For example, Schwachter says that Mele alleges in the complaint "that Mr. Gabbert told him repeatedly that he loved him and wanted to marry him, and wanted to have an affair," he said.

"Yet, when I asked Mr. Mele in deposition to recall an incident, Mr. Mele couldn't recall one specific conversation."

Schwachter also says that in deposition Mele recalled he "was drunk" during a widely publicized harassment allegation involving Gabbert and his boyfriend in a hot tub during an employee party at Gabbert's Russian River area home.

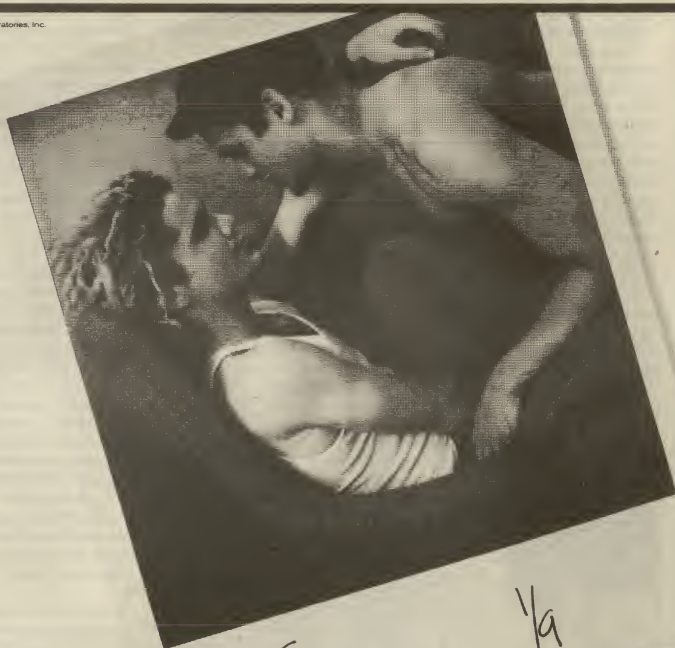
"It came out in deposition that Mr. Mele recalls that he was 'too messed up' to know who was doing what to whom, and that he was aroused when Mr. Gabbert was in the hot tub with him," Schwachter said.

Other allegations detailed in the lawsuit are claims by Mele that Gabbert offered to buy him a car in exchange for sexual favors and made offers of trips to Mexico, and that Mele once quit his job as a traffic controller at the station because of the sexual harassment, but later returned when assured it would cease.

Schwachter says that a January 9, 1994 letter from Mele to a station executive seeking his job back undercut the claim of sexual harassment.

"For over two and a half years, I never dreaded going to work at KOFY. I'm totally serious. I felt like I was working with my family, for my family. I want to come back to the family. I realize now what Jim told me in his office the day I was leaving was totally true.

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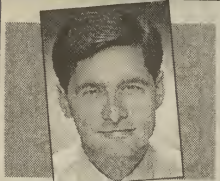
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Gay Ski Week

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didn't place in the top three, but she dramatically threw back her feather boa to the delight of the crowd.

Acceptance in Aspen

Local residents and business owners — gay and non-gay alike — strongly support Gay Ski Week; many employees at restaurants, hotels, and the ski resorts wore buttons that featured a pink triangle with the words "Aspen supports." The townspeople were friendly and made visitors feel welcome.

Dave Lendon, executive director of the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community Fund and a principal organizer of Ski Week, said Aspen has always been a city of acceptance of all people.

In 1977, it became one of the first cities in the United States that passed an ordinance protecting the rights of gays and lesbians. In 1993 Aspen joined the cities of Denver and Boulder to take the state of Colorado to court to fight Amendment 2.

In May 1996 the US Supreme Court affirmed 6-3 the state supreme court decision that Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 was unconstitutional. The voter-approved amendment to Colorado's constitution would have barred local laws protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination.

After a majority of Rocky Mountain voters approved Amendment 2 in 1993, a national boycott against Colorado was launched by gay activists; it had disastrous effects on the local gay and lesbian community.

The 17th annual Gay Ski Week three years ago drew less than 800 participants, organizers recalled.

Picturesque city

At an elevation of 7,908 feet (not including nearby mountain tops), Aspen lies in the upper end of the Roaring Fork Valley in the White River National Forest in western Colorado. Although it's only a short 40-minute flight from Denver, it takes several hours to reach Aspen when driving. The city is beautiful; it's surrounded by tree-covered mountains that are blanketed with snow.

Upon arriving at the Pitkin County Airport, one of the commercial jet's wings seemed to be right next to the side of a mountain. It made at least one passenger marvel at the airline pilots' skill in landing the jet at a small, rural airport.



Cynthia Laird

Ski siren "Candy" from San Francisco crosses the finish line in style.

In town, numerous quaint shops line the downtown streets, along with sporting goods stores. There are also many nice hotels, lodges, and tons of condominiums stretching up the mountains. Virtually all of them were booked solid for Ski Week.

Aspen's public transit system consists of buses that carry passengers throughout the city, to the ski areas, to the airport, and even surrounding towns. Bus service is free within the city and runs until 2 a.m.

At night, visitors partied at Planet Hollywood, the Double Diamond, and the Caribou Club, to name just a few.

There were also parties for the women. Club Freedom was the site of the women's opening party. Mariah Hanson, owner of Club Skirts and a board member of the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community Fund, organized events targeted at the women's community. This was Hanson's second Ski Week; she hosted a women's event last year at the request of Ski Week organizers.

Charities benefit

Perhaps just as important as having a great week skiing is the fact that a number of charities with gay and lesbian interest benefited from the event. Lendon said

nine organizations will receive Ski Week proceeds. Among them is San Francisco-based Project Inform, which provides HIV/AIDS treatment information and operates a national toll-free treatment hotline.

Other groups that will receive funds this year are:

- The Aspen Buddy Program, which provides positive role models to local young people who are in need of support and companionship. It's similar to Bug Brothers/Big Sisters programs.

- Community Hospice of the Roaring Fork Valley, which has previously used financial support to provide care for patients and families without charge. The program is funded through donations and grants.

- Urban Peak, a center in Denver for homeless and runaway youths under 21. The program works with the young people to help them achieve self-sufficiency and serves over 1,300 youths per year.

- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, formed in 1982 in memory of Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer at the age of 36. The foundation is the nation's largest private funder of research dedicated solely to breast cancer.

- Astrea National Lesbian Action Foundation, the first nationwide lesbian organization, based in New York. In 1995 Astrea distributed over \$200,000 in grants to different groups.

- The Rocky Mountain Institute, which works to foster the efficient and sustainable use of resources as a path to global security.

- Redefining Actions and Decisions (RAD), which provides innovative programs for youth that provide comprehensive HIV education in public schools.

- Equality Colorado, formed in 1993 after the passage of Amendment 2. Equality Colorado has continued working to secure equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. ▼

Ski Week also featured a panel discussion by national gay politicians and leaders for the second Human Rights Summit. That story will appear next week.

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Snow queen: Hostess Elaine Lancaster braves the elements prior to the start of the costume competition.

COMMUNITY NEWS

From Amendment 2 to OutGiving Queer Quark geek Tim Gill gives gay

by Cynthia Laird

Five years ago an anti-gay constitutional amendment placed on the Colorado ballot propelled a soft-spoken computer programmer into action, fighting against Focus on the Family, the primary group pushing for passage of Amendment 2, and others on the religious right.

Tim Gill had reached a point in his life where he could, for the first time, afford to become a major financial contributor. Gill, who is openly gay, was making millions of dollars after the success of a desktop publishing software company he co-founded called Quark XPress. The time was right for Quark's success, and when Gill found—as he laughingly puts it—that “computer geeks made a lot of money,” he poured some of those millions into the unsuccessful effort to defeat Amendment 2 at the polls.

“It was a defining moment for me, when I realized I had money to give away,” Gill said in an interview with the *Bay Area Reporter* on Monday, January 27.

Gill was in Aspen for the 20th annual Gay Ski Week and the second annual Human Rights Summit, held in conjunction with ski week. He had just finished a day of snowboarding, his current winter sport of choice.

If you've got money...

The battle over Amendment 2 was the first one in which Gill said he had to get involved. The computer programmer (he doesn't like to say he's a businessman) was the largest single contributor to the “No on 2” campaign.

After voters passed the measure, he formed the Gill Foundation, which continued pumping Gill's money into the effort to get Amendment 2 declared unconstitutional.

Gill, 43, came from a middle-class family. Until Quark took off and made him a millionaire, he'd never been in a position to significantly contribute financially.

These days, the Gill Foundation continues to give money to various organizations that serve the gay community. The focus is on national gay groups, a lot of Colorado groups, and gay and lesbian organizations in rural areas, Gill said.

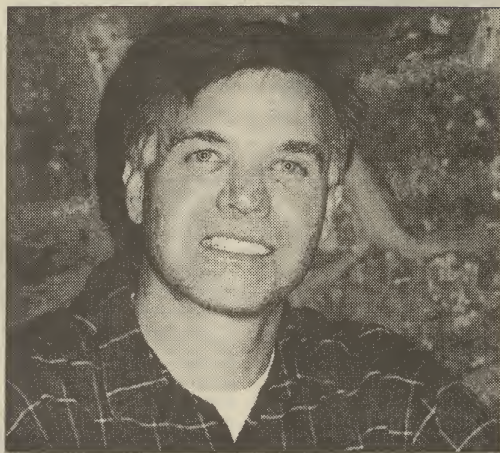
“This is one of my obligations,” he said of his decision to give away millions of dollars. “I feel ethically motivated to do this.”

Despite his own philanthropy, he is hesitant to suggest that being gay and financially well-off automatically translates into an obligation to give back to the community.

“I don't think they have any obligation,” he said of other wealthy gay and lesbian people. “I've chosen mine. I've chosen to give away money and that my money go to the gay community. My responsibility is to make as much money as I can so I can give it away.”

In 1995 the Gill Foundation distributed \$1.7 million to numerous groups in many states that serve the gay community.

“In 1996 we'll [have done] a



Tim Gill: “I feel ethically motivated to do this.”

bit more,” he said.

Gay outgiving

The Gay/Lesbian Outgiving Fund is the latest project of the foundation, and started this year. Its mission, Gill said, is that when people make a contribution to a group—gay or straight—the recipient knows the donation came from a gay individual or group.

As an example, say a gay person gives \$100 to the local symphony. Four other gay people also each contribute \$100 to the symphony. The Gay/Lesbian Outgiving Fund will take the total \$500 and forward it to the symphony, with an explanation that the donation came from gay individuals.

“Five hundred dollars gets more attention,” Gill said, adding that the foundation absorbs all administrative costs so that 100 percent of the contribution goes to the intended organization.

The outgiving fund has also sponsored events to draw public attention to the fund and the gay community. The fund sponsored the Colorado Ballet and performances of the *Nutcracker*. “It said ‘Gay/Lesbian Outgiving Fund’ on the marquee,” Gill said proudly. “That got us 42,000 impressions.”

“We have had organizations that wouldn't take our money. In those cases, they had to have a discussion on their boards, and that's a good thing.”

“We'll go back next year.”

Coming out nationally

Gill learned the value of patience and persistence through Amendment 2's long legal process. It wasn't until May 1996—nearly four years after the initial vote—that the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the Colorado Supreme Court's decision and established that the anti-gay amendment was unconstitutional.

Those years of fighting the measure were not easy for many of the people involved. The gay community throughout Colorado suffered because of a national boycott of the state by groups, individuals, and some cities, including San Francisco.

“I was a big fan of the boycott,” said Gill. “I don't know if it was necessary. I think it was inevitable.”

The good that came out of the boycott, he explained, was that until Amendment 2 passed, there were never articles on the gay and lesbian community in Denver newspapers. That changed dramatically after the vote and the ensuing boycott.

“Every day there were two or three articles in both papers,” he said of the weeks immediately after the election. “Now they regularly have articles on gays and lesbians in the papers. The boycott did that: it brought gay and lesbian issues to the forefront.”

On the negative side, the boycott affected the very cities in Colorado—Denver, Boulder, Aspen, and others—where residents had voted against Amendment 2, Gill acknowledged.

“The areas that supported us ended up getting hurt by the boycott,” he said. “And gay tourists stopped coming. Ski week [attendance] was down. The bars suffered financially, so they could contribute less. Fortunately, I was here to help fix that.”

Gill said that shortly after the election, a meeting for Quark customers was scheduled to be held in Denver. The customers voted on whether they should come to Colorado for the meeting or move it outside the state.

“The customers voted. All 400, except two, voted to move it,” Gill said, adding the meeting wasn't moved because Amendment 2 went straight to the courts and never went into effect.

He had also discussed the issue with his business partner, a straight man who had been “wonderfully supportive,” Gill said.

It was during the vote by the customers that Gill discovered the fight over Amendment 2—and his role in it—would become splashed across the country. One of Gill's customers was a national news wire service.

“I worried that we'd lose customers and go out of business,” Gill said of his initial reaction to becoming featured in newspapers and national business publications as a gay man and chairman of Quark who was fighting Amendment 2. “That didn't happen.”

“All of us have bigger fears of the consequences of coming out than they actually are.” ▼

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Golden Gate Flyers host the Napa Valley Men's Network



Up, up and away: The Golden Gate Flyers pose at a recent event.

by Mike Bingham, Sec.,
Golden Gate Flyers

Golden Gate Flyers, a social organization of gay, lesbian, and bisexual aviators, hosted The Napa Valley Men's Network for dinner in the Napa Valley. Jonesy's Famous Steakhouse was chosen both for its reputation and its location on Napa Airport, which is important if your transportation is an airplane.

And airplanes are what Golden Gate Flyers is all about!

Formed in February, 1995, Golden Gate Flyers is the first social network dedicated to the interests and needs of gay, lesbian, and bisexual aviation professionals and enthusiasts in Northern California. Inspired by the success of the National Gay Pilots Association, based in Washington, DC, and other local pilot organizations across the country, Golden Gate Flyers serves the San Francisco Bay Area and surrounding communities.

Golden Gate Flyers members represent virtually every facet of aviation, including student pilots, flight instructors, airline transport pilots, corporate pilots, flight attendants, air traffic controllers, and other sectors of the aviation industry.

If you are interested in aviation and seeking other gay airmen and airwomen, get in touch with Golden Gate Flyers. That is what The Napa Valley Men's Network did. Flying in and driving up, members of both organizations took advantage of this opportunity to meet new people sharing their interests.

In addition to learning to fly, interests ranged from using the airplane for transportation to exciting locales, to sightseeing, to airborne photography. But the conversation was not only about airplanes. While savoring Jonesy's renowned steaks and seafood, new connections were formed between members of the two organizations. More joint events are in store for the future.

Golden Gate Flyers hosts a monthly social meeting, monthly activity, and special events. Upcoming activities include flights to scenic destinations, pilot educational programs, barbecues, tours of FAA air traffic control facilities, and San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade and AIDS Walk. ▼

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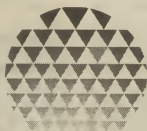
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COMMUNITY NEWS

SBA comes out

by Sandy DeWine

The SBA is coming out, at least in San Francisco. The city recently saw the first Small Business Administration seminar targeted to the gay community. About 100 people met January 26th at the new public library downtown, and other workshops are planned. The meeting seemed to please Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA) President Irv Spivak, who said, "I've lived 43 years, and I'm glad to finally see the government taking an interest in us."

Gary Marshall, himself a gay man and an SBA business development officer, organized the meeting along with GGBA, Bay Area Career Women, and the Lavender Pages. Representatives from Citibank and Microsoft, co-sponsors of the program, were present, as well as a panel of three gay business owners. Short seminars on start-ups and financial planning were also offered.

Those who still think of retail as the backbone of gay small business might have been surprised to find only one retail store owner on the panel. The owner of Mikey Tom Market, an upscale grocery in Noe Valley, described his seven years managing a wine and cheese business for someone else, and the two to five years he spent researching and developing his business plan, which he eventually showed to someone at Bank of America.

Other panelists were a woman contractor who went into business for herself after encountering sex discrimination in hiring, and the publisher of The Lavender Pages, a guide to gay businesses which after four years has a staff of 17. It plans to become "the largest gay employer by the year 2000," according to publisher Grace Flannery. It recently established a web site and plans to go national.

Retail may only seem the largest business sector because "it's the most visible," Marshall

said. "They have to be." Only a quarter of loans go to retail businesses, which are the riskiest.

Half of SBA loans are now "Microloans," under \$100,000, so they're able to serve more people, according to local agency head Ray Quinn. Loan volume has doubled in the last two years. The fast track loan requires only a two-page application with quick turnaround. Even so, the agency now guarantees 80 percent financing, as opposed to 90 percent in years past, due to government cutbacks.

San Francisco's SBA office is the only one in the country to provide a library, resource and entrepreneurship center, located on Van Ness Avenue. It has computers for research on requirements for doing business in every state, business plan software, and videos and research data on all types of enterprise. Oakland, designated an empowerment zone by the Clinton administration, has a "Capital Shop," with Citibank personnel on site. Citibank has a small presence in California, with 90 branches in the Bay Area and Los Angeles, and is emphasizing "relationship marketing."

What do we want?

SBA is small compared to other federal agencies, Quinn said, but it looks like it may be playing a larger role in the gay community. Marshall said the agency spent the last two years focusing on underserved markets. Since the local office has some autonomy from Washington, Quinn said, it makes sense to try to help the large gay community here.

As the first of its kind, part of the meeting's purpose was to find out what the community wants from the SBA. Many people seemed confused about what the agency does and how its services differ from banks. Loan officer Ray Monahan and others said the SBA's uniqueness is in its ability to provide longer-term financing, and therefore lower payments than banks are willing to provide,

with less need for collateral. He said SBA isn't in competition with the private sector but is there to enhance access to it. It works with over a hundred lenders in a very competitive market. Banks are more interested in short term loans of a year rather than the five to seven or 25 the SBA can guarantee, Monahan said. Short term financing sometimes leaves borrowers with high monthly payments and too little working capital. The SBA also won't turn people down if they don't have a house for collateral, he said.

The gay community may have come a long way from the days of mom and pop stores in the '60s and '70s, but maybe not. If the SBA people didn't seem quite sure who the community is and what it needs, it works both ways. GGBA president Spivak said that only last year the *San Francisco Business Times* wanted to do a feature on the 25 top gay businesses but couldn't find willing participants. The contractor who spoke emphasized openness as simply good business. "You have to get to know your banker and your customers," she said. She now has a \$3 million-a-year business and was named entrepreneur of the year by a women's business group.

Marshall said the SBA people were surprised when they found, by a show of hands, that most participants had learned of the session not from membership groups but from the gay press. As usual, community people and professionals have a lot to learn from each other. ▼

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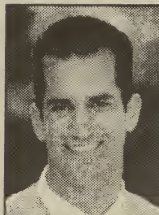
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unteers are also being selected. Vendors will have a chance to display their merchandise in a prime locale at the event. Workshop leaders are needed to provide information to attendees on issues of relevance to the community. Volunteers are needed to provide additional assistance and support.

The Forum has sponsored several fundraising events around the country to raise money for this year's scholarship fund. Revenue that was collected will go towards grants for persons with

AIDS and individuals who have chronic illnesses.

There are several options for attending the conference. The cost for either of the two special sessions is \$60. The general conference, including workshops, a banquet, and a luncheon, is \$175. The general conference and one of the special sessions costs \$235; for both special sessions, add \$60. For seniors, there is a discounted general conference rate of \$125. ▼

The conference will be held at the Long Beach Hilton and Towers. For registration information, call the Forum at (213) 964-7820.

KOFY

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... He also told me that he'd never let me come back. It's for that reason that this is such a hard letter," Mele wrote.

"In other words, I'm willing to do anything to help KOFY succeed. I realize it was a mistake to leave KOFY, and I'd like to correct it," the letter continued.

"How can you write a letter like that and file a case like this?" Schwachter wondered.

"It's a verified complaint made under the penalty of perjury, and

we are going ahead with it," Wortman said.

The other suit

Mele sued Gabbert one year after 25-year-old Sean Sebring, a Santa Rosa man, alleged in a lawsuit that Gabbert had drugged his drink and then tried to rape him after he had been lured aboard Gabbert's yacht.

Sebring was arrested and jailed after stalking Gabbert and trying to extort cash from him. Later, in a carefully worded statement, he apologized and retracted the allegations. He was given probation for the crimes. ▼

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A Focus on CMV Retinitis

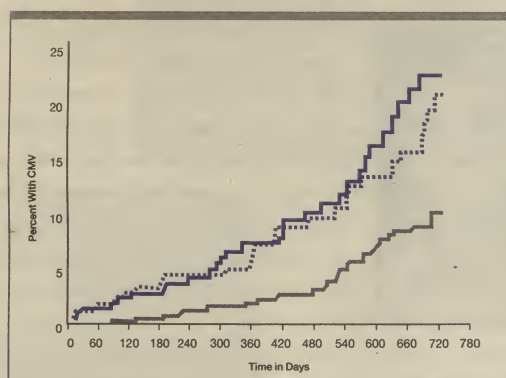
CMV: A Serious Infection in Immunocompromised Patients

Cytomegalovirus (CMV), a virus of the herpes family, is the most common serious viral opportunistic pathogen in HIV-positive patients. It is estimated that >95% of patients with AIDS are CMV seropositive,¹ with up to 46% developing CMV retinitis, which may be sight-threatening.²⁻⁵ In one study, disseminated CMV was found at autopsy in roughly 9 of every 10 in this patient population.⁶

Acute infection with CMV is usually asymptomatic and the prevalence of CMV antibody in the adult population may be as great as 50% to 80%.⁷ As with other herpes viruses, CMV remains latent within the host and may cause infection if and when the immune system becomes compromised.

Prospective natural history studies have shown that during the course of HIV infection, as CD4 counts fall (Figure 1), the virus may be reactivated, resulting in viremia.⁸ During viremia, CMV may disseminate and seed a variety of organs, leading to many life- or sight-threatening conditions, including retinitis, colitis, esophagitis, hepatitis, pneumonitis, adenitis and generalized wasting.

Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier estimation of the proportion of patients developing CMV disease by baseline CD4 cell count.



Solid blue line = <50 cells/mm³; dotted line = 50-99 cells/mm³; solid gray line = ≥100 cells/mm³. The difference between the lower and upper two lines was significant by log-rank test ($p < 0.001$); difference between two upper lines was not significant ($p < 0.05$). From Gallant, et al. *J Infect Dis.* 1992;166:1223-1227 with permission.⁹

CMV: The Most Common Cause of Vision Loss Associated with AIDS^{7,9}

Often referred to as a "silent" problem, CMV frequently begins as asymptomatic peripheral disease. Untreated CMV retinitis is a progressive disease, which most often ultimately becomes a bilateral disease.¹⁰ Without treatment, CMV retinitis may obliterate the entire retina in 3 to 6 months.⁹

In the past, management of CMV retinitis relied solely on early diagnosis and aggressive lifelong intravenous therapy. In January 1995, an oral formulation of an effective therapeutic agent, ganciclovir, became available for maintenance treatment of CMV retinitis. In October 1995, oral ganciclovir also became available as preventive therapy against CMV disease in individuals with advanced HIV infection at risk for developing CMV disease.

Promising Results from the First Oral CMV Prevention Study

The results of Roche Study 1654, the first oral CMV prevention study, were presented at the Second National Conference on Human Retroviruses and Related Infections in January 1995.¹¹ This double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study was designed to determine the safety and efficacy of oral ganciclovir (3 grams/day) for the prevention of CMV disease. The study included CMV-seropositive or urine culture-positive, HIV-infected patients with CD4 counts ≤100 cells/mm³ and a prior AIDS-defining opportunistic infection and those with <50 cells/mm³ without a prior opportunistic infection.¹²

Nearly 50% Lower Risk of Developing CMV Disease After Prophylaxis Treatment with Oral Ganciclovir¹³

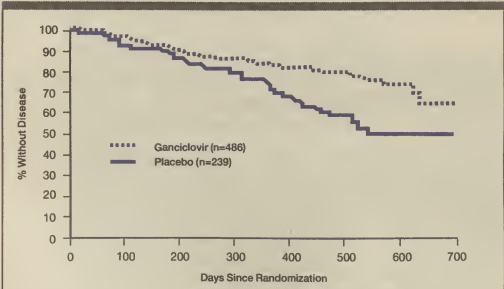
Over an 18-month study period, the incidence of CMV disease was significantly lower in the ganciclovir-treated group vs. placebo ($p < 0.05$).¹³ The risk of developing CMV disease was reduced by 49% in patients treated with oral ganciclovir (20% of the ganciclovir patients developed CMV disease vs 39% on placebo) (Table 1).^{13,14}

Table 1. Incidence of CMV Disease at 6, 12 and 18 Months (Kaplan-Meier Estimates) in Study 1654 Patients¹⁴

	Incidence of CMV Disease (no. still at risk)	
	Ganciclovir	Placebo
6 months	8% (397)	11% (190)
12 months	14% (225)	26% (92)
18 months	20% (27)	39% (9)

In addition to decreasing the incidence of CMV disease, oral ganciclovir significantly delayed the time to the development of disease (Figure 2).¹¹

Figure 2. Time to development of CMV disease.



Number of patients	Number of patients at risk, months ¹²						
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Ganciclovir	486	452	397	326	225	112	27
Placebo	239	214	190	149	92	35	9

Because of the significant benefit of oral ganciclovir in preventing CMV disease compared to placebo, Study 1654 was halted at a planned interim analysis.

Placebo Patients Were Twice as Likely to Develop Sight-threatening Retinitis¹⁴

Patients in the placebo group were twice as likely to develop zone 1 (sight-threatening) retinitis as patients treated with oral ganciclovir.¹⁴ Among subjects who developed CMV retinitis, 39% of placebo patients developed zone 1 disease vs 16% of those on ganciclovir.¹⁴ There was a similar incidence of bilateral presentation of retinitis in the treatment and placebo groups.¹⁴

Results from Study 1654 demonstrated that oral ganciclovir prophylaxis significantly reduced the incidence of, and delayed time to development of, CMV disease in HIV-infected persons at risk.^{11,13}

CMV Resistance¹⁶

As part of Study 1654, cultures (primarily urine) were available for 437 patients who received preventive treatment with oral ganciclovir for ≥ 90 days. Of these, 132 had at least 1 positive culture. Eighteen of these isolates have been tested for reduced sensitivity, and 1 was found to be resistant to ganciclovir. The resistant isolate was associated with subsequent treatment failure. Viral resistance has also been observed with prolonged treatment for retinitis with intravenous ganciclovir.

Manageable Side Effect Profile

Oral ganciclovir has a manageable side effect profile, but was associated with granulocytopenia, anemia and thrombocytopenia.¹⁶ In Study 1654 ganciclovir-treated patients were significantly more likely to develop neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count <500 cells mm^3 , 10% vs 6%).¹⁶ Colony stimulating factors can help manage ganciclovir-related neutropenia. Other adverse events included diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, stomach upset, loss of appetite, headache, dizziness, tremor, tingling sensation in the fingers and weakness.¹⁶ Creatinine elevations 25% over baseline levels were also observed.¹⁶

Summary

Prevention of CMV disease has been a highly sought-after goal. Compared with placebo, oral ganciclovir (3 grams/day) has been shown to significantly reduce the incidence and time to development of CMV disease among patients with advanced HIV infection.^{11,16} There was also a decreased proportion of zone 1 (sight-threatening) retinitis in the ganciclovir-treated group.

Oral ganciclovir represents a clinically important advance in the prevention of CMV disease, including CMV retinitis, for those with HIV.

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The clinical toxicity of CYTOVENE® (ganciclovir capsules) includes granulocytopenia, anemia and thrombocytopenia. In animal studies, ganciclovir was carcinogenic, teratogenic and caused aspermatogenesis.

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Laboratory Data:

Treatment	Selected Laboratory Abnormalities in Trials for Treatment of CMV Retinitis and Prevention of CMV Disease		CMV Disease Prevention ¹	
	CYTOVENE Capsules ² 3000 mg/day	CYTOVENE-IV ³ 5 mg/kg/day	CYTOVENE Capsules ² 3000 mg/day	Placebo ⁴
Subjects, number	320	175	478	234
Neutropenia: ANC <500/ μ L	18%	25%	10%	6%
500 - <749	17%	14%	16%	7%
750 - <1000	19%	26%	22%	16%
Anemia: Hemoglobin: <6.5 g/dL		5%	1%	<1%
6.5 - <8.0	2%	18%	5%	3%
8.0 - <9.5		25%	15%	16%
Maximum Serum Creatinine: ≥2.5 mg/dL	1%	2%	1%	2%
≥1.5 - <2.5	12%	14%	19%	11%

¹ Pooled data from Treatment Studies, ICM 1653, Study ICM 1774, and Study AVI 034.

² Mean time on therapy = 91 days, including allowed reinduction treatment periods.

³ Mean time on therapy = 103 days, including allowed reinduction treatment periods.

⁴ Data from Prevention Study, ICM 1654.

⁵ Mean time on ganciclovir = 289 days.

⁶ Mean time on placebo = 240 days.

(See discussion of clinical trials under INDICATIONS AND USAGE section.)

Overall, in the treatment studies, subjects treated with CYTOVENE-IV solution experienced lower minimum ANC and hemoglobin levels, consistent with more neutropenia and anemia, compared with those who received CYTOVENE capsules ($p=0.024$ for neutropenia; $p=0.027$ for anemia). In the prevention study, subjects treated with CYTOVENE capsules also experienced lower minimum ANC compared with those who received placebo ($p<0.001$).

For the majority of subjects in the treatment studies, maximum serum creatinine levels were <1.5 mg/dL and no difference was noted between CYTOVENE-IV solution and CYTOVENE capsules for the occurrence of renal impairment. Serum creatinine elevations ≥ 2.5 mg/dL occurred in <2% of all subjects, and no significant differences were noted in the time from the start of maintenance to the occurrence of elevations in serum creatinine values. In the prevention study, 20% of subjects treated with CYTOVENE capsules had maximum serum creatinine levels of 1.5 mg/dL or greater, compared to 13% on placebo ($p=0.013$). Of subjects in ganciclovir and placebo treatment groups, 24% and 20%, respectively, experienced creatinine elevations more than 25% over baseline levels.

Adverse Events. The following table shows selected adverse events reported in 5% or more of the subjects in three controlled clinical trials during treatment with either CYTOVENE-IV solution (5 mg/kg/day) or CYTOVENE capsules (3000 mg/day), and in one controlled clinical trial in which CYTOVENE capsules (3000 mg/day) were compared to placebo for the prevention of CMV disease.

Selected Adverse Events Reported in $\geq 5\%$ of Subjects in Three Randomized Phase 3 Studies Comparing CYTOVENE Capsules to CYTOVENE-IV Solution for Maintenance Treatment of CMV Retinitis and in One Phase 3 Randomized Study Comparing CYTOVENE Capsules to Placebo for Prevention of CMV Disease

Body System	Adverse Event	Maintenance Treatment Studies		Prevention Study	
		Capsules (n=326)	IV (n=179)	Capsules (n=478)	Placebo (n=234)
Body as a Whole	Fever	38%	48%	35%	33%
	Abdominal Pain	17%	19%	21%	21%
	Infection	9%	13%	8%	4%
	Chills	7%	10%	7%	4%
	Sepsis	4%	15%	3%	2%
Digestive System	Diarrhea	41%	44%	48%	42%
	Nausea	26%	25%	30%	33%
	Anorexia	15%	14%	19%	16%
	Vomiting	13%	13%	11%	11%
	Flatulence	6%	3%	9%	3%
Hemic and Lymphatic System	Leukopenia	29%	41%	17%	9%
	Anemia	19%	25%	9%	1%
	Thrombocytopenia	6%	6%	3%	1%
Respiratory System	Pneumonia	6%	8%	7%	7%
Nervous System	Neuropathy	8%	9%	21%	15%
	Paresthesia	6%	10%	6%	6%
Other	Rash	15%	10%	23%	26%
	Swelling	11%	12%	14%	12%
	Pruritus	6%	5%	10%	9%
	Viral Infection	6%	4%	1%	1%
Catheter Related*	Total Catheter Events	6%	22%	-	-
	Catheter Infection	4%	9%	-	-
	Catheter Sepsis	1%	8%	-	-

* Some of these events also appear under other body systems.

Retinal Detachment: Retinal detachment has been observed in subjects with CMV retinitis both before and after initiation of therapy with ganciclovir. Its relationship to therapy with ganciclovir is unknown. Retinal detachment occurred in 11% of patients treated with CYTOVENE-IV solution and in 8% of patients treated with CYTOVENE capsules. Patients with CMV retinitis should have frequent ophthalmologic evaluations to monitor the status of their retinitis and to detect any other retinal pathology.

Transplant Recipients: There have been three controlled clinical trials of CYTOVENE-IV solution for the prevention of CMV disease in transplant recipients. Laboratory data and adverse events reported during these trials are summarized below.

Laboratory Data: The following table shows the frequency of granulocytopenia (neutropenia) and thrombocytopenia observed:

	Controlled Trials - Transplant Recipients			
	Heart Allograft*		Bone Marrow Allograft†	
	CYTOVENE-IV (n=76)	Placebo (n=73)	CYTOVENE-IV (n=57)	Control (n=55)
Neutropenia				
Minimum ANC <500/ μ L	4%	3%	12%	6%
Minimum ANC 500-1000/ μ L	3%	8%	29%	17%
TOTAL ANC <1000/ μ L	7%	11%	41%	23%
Thrombocytopenia				
Platelet count <25,000/ μ L	3%	1%	32%	28%
Platelet count 25,000-50,000/ μ L	5%	3%	25%	37%
TOTAL Platelet <50,000/ μ L	8%	4%	57%	65%

* Study ICM 1496. Mean duration of treatment = 28 days.

† Study ICM 1570 and ICM 1689. Mean duration of treatment = 45 days.

(See discussion of clinical trials under INDICATIONS AND USAGE section.)

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The following table shows the frequency of elevated serum creatinine values in these controlled clinical trials:

	Controlled Trials - Transplant Recipients			
	Heart Allograft		Bone Marrow Allograft	
	CYTOVENE-IV (n=76)	Placebo (n=73)	CYTOVENE-IV (n=20)	Control (n=37)
Maximum Serum Creatinine Levels				
≥2.5 mg/dL	18%	4%	20%	0%
≥1.5 - <2.5 mg/dL	58%	69%	50%	44%

In a placebo-controlled clinical trial conducted in heart allograft recipients (ICM 1496), more patients receiving CYTOVENE-IV solution had elevation of serum creatinine to values exceeding 2.5 mg/dL than patients receiving placebo (18% vs 4%, respectively). These increases in serum creatinine, up to 3.5 mg/dL in 1 patient, were transient and occurred primarily during the first week of treatment with CYTOVENE-IV solution. In a randomized, open-label study of CYTOVENE-IV solution in bone marrow allograft recipients (ICM 1570), more patients treated with CYTOVENE-IV solution experienced serum creatinine values exceeding 1.5 mg/dL than patients who were not treated (70% vs 35%, respectively). These elevations in serum creatinine, up to 3.2 mg/dL in 1 patient, were transient and occurred intermittently throughout the 3-month study. Most patients in these studies also received cyclosporine. In a second study in bone marrow transplant patients that was placebo-controlled (ICM 1689), no differences in elevations of serum creatinine were seen between the patients receiving CYTOVENE-IV solution and those receiving placebo. The mechanism of impairment of renal function is not known. However, careful monitoring of renal function during therapy with CYTOVENE-IV solution is essential, especially for those patients receiving concomitant agents that may cause nephrotoxicity.

General: Other adverse events that were thought to be "probably" or "possibly" related to CYTOVENE-IV solution or CYTOVENE capsules in clinical studies in either subjects with AIDS or transplant recipients are listed below. These events all occurred with a frequency of 1% or less unless otherwise noted.

Body as a Whole: Abdominal enlarged, abscess, asthenia (6%), back pain, cellulitis, chest pain, chills and fever, drug level increased (ganciclovir), edema, face edema, headache (4%), injection site abscess, injection site edema, injection site hemorrhage, injection site inflammation (2%), injection site pain, injection site phlebitis, laboratory test abnormality, malaise, pain (2%), photosensitivity reaction, neck pain, neck rigidity.

Digestive System: Abnormal liver function test (2%), aphthous stomatitis, constipation, dyspepsia (4%), dysphagia, eructation, esophagitis, fecal incontinence, gastritis, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, hepatitis, jaundice, melena, mouth ulceration, nausea and vomiting (2%), pancreatitis, tongue disorder.

Hemic and Lymphatic System: eosinophilia, hypochromic anemia, marrow depression, pancytopenia, splenomegaly.

Respiratory System: cough increased, dyspnea, pharyngitis.

Nervous System: abnormal dreams, abnormal gait, agitation, amnesia, anxiety, ataxia, coma, confusion, depression, dizziness, dry mouth (2%), emotional lability, euphoria, hyperreflexia, hyperkinesia, hyposthesia, insomnia (2%), libido decreased, manic reaction, myoclonus, neurosis, psychosis, seizures, somnolence, thinking abnormal, tremor, trismus (2%). (Overall, probably or possibly related neurologic system events occurred in approximately 5% of patients.)

Skin and Appendages: acne, alopecia, dry skin, fixed eruption, maculopapular rash, skin discoloration, urticaria, vesiculobullous rash.

Special Senses: abnormal vision, amblyopia, blindness, conjunctivitis, deafness, ear pain, eye pain, glaucoma, photophobia, taste perversion, tinnitus.

Metabolic and Nutritional Disorders: alkaline phosphatase increased, creatinine increased, creatine phosphokinase increased, decreased blood sugar, hyperglycemia, hypokalemia, increased blood urea nitrogen (BUN), lactic dehydrogenase increased, SGOT increased, SGPT increased, weight loss (2%).

Cardiovascular System: arrhythmia, deep thrombophlebitis, hypertension, hypotension, migraine, phlebitis (2%), vasodilation.

Urogenital System: breast pain, creatinine clearance decreased, hematuria, impotence, kidney failure, kidney function abnormal, urinary frequency, urinary tract infection.

Musculoskeletal System: arthralgia, bone pain, leg cramps, myalgia, myasthenia.

The following adverse events reported in patients receiving ganciclovir may be potentially fatal: pancreatitis, sepsis and multiple organ failure.

Adverse Events Reported During Postmarketing Experience with CYTOVENE-IV: Listed below are adverse events reported spontaneously since the marketing introduction of CYTOVENE-IV that have not been included previously based on experience during clinical trials. These events have been reported infrequently, and data are insufficient to estimate an incidence at which they have occurred or to establish a relationship to ganciclovir use. These events may have occurred as part of an underlying disease process and do not necessarily represent the type, severity or prevalence of adverse events occurring in clinical practice. These voluntary reports include: acidosis, allergic reaction, anaphylactic reaction, arthritis, bronchospasm, cardiac arrest, cardiac conduction abnormality, cataracts, cholestasis, congenital anomaly, dry eyes, dysesthesia, dysphasia, elevated triglyceride levels, encephalopathy, exfoliative dermatitis, extrapyramidal reaction, facial palsy, hallucinations, hemolytic anemia, hepatic failure, hepatitis, hyponatremia, inappropriate serum ADH, intertrigo, intestinal ulceration, intracranial hypertension, irritability, loss of memory, loss of sense of smell, myelopathy, perforated intestine, peripheral ischemia, pulmonary fibrosis, rhabdomyolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, stroke, testicular hypotrophy, Torsades de Pointes, vasculitis, ventricular tachycardia.

OVERDOSEAGE: CYTOVENE-IV: Overdose with CYTOVENE-IV has been reported in 17 patients (13 adults and 4 children under 2 years of age). Five patients experienced no adverse events following overdose at the following doses: 7 doses of 11 mg/kg over a 3-day period (adult), single dose of 3500 mg (adult), single dose of 500 mg (72.5 mg/kg) followed by 48 hours of peritoneal dialysis (4-month-old), single dose of approximately 60 mg/kg followed by exchange transfusion (18-month-old), 2 doses of 500 mg instead of 31 mg (21-month-old).

Irreversible pancytopenia developed in 1 adult with AIDS and CMV colitis after receiving 3000 mg of CYTOVENE-IV solution on each of 2 consecutive days. He experienced worsening GI symptoms and acute renal failure that required short-term dialysis. Pancytopenia developed and persisted until his death from a malignancy several months later. Other adverse events reported following overdose included: persistent bone marrow suppression (1 adult with neutropenia and thrombocytopenia after a single dose of 6000 mg), reversible neutropenia or granulocytopenia (4 adults, overdoses ranging from 8 mg/kg daily for 4 days to a single dose of 25 mg/kg), hepatitis (1 adult receiving 10 mg/kg daily, and one 2 kg infant after a single 40 mg dose), renal toxicity (1 adult with transient worsening of hematuria after a single 500 mg dose, and 1 adult with elevated creatinine (5.2 mg/dL) after a single 3000 to 7000 mg dose), and seizure (1 adult with known seizure disorder after 3 days of 8 mg/kg). In addition, 1 adult received 0.4 mL (instead of 0.1 mL) CYTOVENE-IV solution by intravitreal injection, and experienced temporary loss of vision and central retinal artery occlusion secondary to increased intracocular pressure related to the injected fluid volume.

CYTOVENE Capsules: There have been no reports of overdose with CYTOVENE capsules. Doses as high as 6000 mg/day, given either as 1000 mg 6 times daily or as 2000 mg bid, did not result in overt toxicity other than transient neutropenia. Daily doses of more than 6000 mg have not been studied.

Since ganciclovir is dialyzable, dialysis may be useful in reducing serum concentrations. Adequate hydration should be maintained. The use of hematopoietic growth factors should be considered.

CYTOVENE-IV for intravenous infusion manufactured by Warner-Lambert Company, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 and CYTOVENE Capsules for oral administration manufactured by Syntex Puerto Rico, Inc., Humacao, Puerto Rico 00791.

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CONTRAINDICATIONS: CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE are contraindicated in patients with hypersensitivity to ganciclovir or acyclovir.

WARNINGS: Hematologic: CYTOSINE and CYTOSINE-IV should not be administered if the absolute neutrophil count is less than 500 cells/ μ L, or the platelet count is less than 25,000 cells/ μ L. Granulocytopenia (neutropenia), anemia and thrombocytopenia have been observed in patients treated with CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE. The frequency and severity of these events vary widely in different patient populations (see ADVERSE EVENTS section).

CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE should, therefore, be used with caution in patients with pre-existing cytopenias or with a history of cytopenic reactions to other drugs, chemicals or irradiation. Granulocytopenia usually occurs during the first or second week of treatment but may occur at any time during treatment. Cell counts usually begin to recover within 3 to 7 days of discontinuing drug. Colony-stimulating factors have been shown to increase neutrophil and white blood cell counts in patients receiving CYTOSINE-IV solution for treatment of CMV retinitis.

Impairment of Fertility: Animal data indicate that administration of ganciclovir causes inhibition of spermatogenesis and subsequent infertility. These effects were reversible at lower doses and irreversible at higher doses (see Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis and Impairment of Fertility in PRECAUTIONS section). Although data in humans have not been obtained regarding this effect, it is considered probable that ganciclovir at the recommended doses causes temporary or permanent inhibition of spermatogenesis. Animal data also indicate that suppression of fertility in females may occur.

Teratogenesis: Because of the mutagenic and teratogenic potential of ganciclovir, women of childbearing potential should be advised to use effective contraception during treatment. Similarly, men should be advised to practice barrier contraception during and for at least 90 days following treatment with CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE (see Pregnancy, Category C).

PRECAUTIONS: General: In clinical studies with CYTOSINE-IV, the maximum single dose administered was 6 mg/kg by intravenous infusion over 1 hour. Larger doses have resulted in increased toxicity. It is likely that more rapid infusions would also result in increased toxicity (see OVERDOSAGE section). Administration of CYTOSINE-IV solution should be accompanied by adequate hydration.

Initially, reconstituted solutions of CYTOSINE-IV have a high pH (11). Despite further dilution in intravenous fluids, phlebitis and/or pain may occur at the site of intravenous infusion. Care must be taken to infuse solutions containing CYTOSINE-IV only into veins with adequate blood flow to permit rapid dilution and distribution (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section in complete product information).

Since ganciclovir is excreted by the kidneys, normal clearance depends on adequate renal function. IF RENAL FUNCTION IS IMPAIRED, DOSAGE ADJUSTMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR CYTOSINE-IV AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR CYTOSINE CAPSULES. Such adjustments should be based on measured or estimated creatinine clearance values (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section).

Information for Patients: Patients should be informed that the major toxicities of ganciclovir are granulocytopenia (neutropenia), anemia and thrombocytopenia and that dose modifications may be required, including discontinuation. The importance of close monitoring of blood counts while on therapy should be emphasized. Patients should be informed that ganciclovir has been associated with elevations in serum creatinine.

Patients should be instructed to take CYTOSINE capsules with food to maximize bioavailability.

Patients should be advised that ganciclovir has caused decreased sperm production in animals and may cause infertility in humans. Women of childbearing potential should be advised that ganciclovir causes birth defects in animals and should not be used during pregnancy. Women of childbearing potential should be advised to use effective contraception during treatment with CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE. Similarly, men should be advised to practice barrier contraception during and for at least 90 days following treatment with CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE.

Patients should be advised that ganciclovir causes tumors in animals. Although there is no information from human studies, ganciclovir should be considered a potential carcinogen.

All HIV+ Patients: These patients may be receiving zidovudine (Retrovir). Patients should be counseled that treatment with both ganciclovir and zidovudine simultaneously may not be tolerated by some patients and may result in severe granulocytopenia (neutropenia). Patients with AIDS may be receiving didanosine (Videx). Patients should be counseled that concomitant treatment with both ganciclovir and didanosine can cause didanosine serum concentrations to be significantly increased.

HIV+ Patients with CMV Retinitis: Ganciclovir is not a cure for CMV retinitis, and immunocompromised patients may continue to experience progression of retinitis during or following treatment. Patients should be advised to have ophthalmologic follow-up examinations at a minimum of every 4 to 6 weeks while being treated with CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE. Some patients will require more frequent follow-up.

Transplant Recipients: Transplant recipients should be counseled regarding the high frequency of impaired renal function in transplant recipients who received CYTOSINE-IV solution in controlled clinical trials, particularly in patients receiving concomitant administration of nephrotoxic agents such as cyclosporine and amphotericin B. Although the specific mechanism of this toxicity, which in most cases was reversible, has not been determined, the higher rate of renal impairment in patients receiving CYTOSINE-IV solution compared with those who received placebo in the same trials may indicate that CYTOSINE-IV played a significant role.

Laboratory Testing: Due to the frequency of neutropenia, anemia and thrombocytopenia in patients receiving CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE (see ADVERSE EVENTS section), it is recommended that complete blood counts and platelet counts be performed frequently, especially in patients in whom ganciclovir or other nucleoside analogues have previously resulted in leukopenia or in whom neutrophil counts are less than 1000 cells/ μ L at the beginning of treatment. Increased serum creatinine levels have been observed in trials evaluating both CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE. Patients should have serum creatinine or creatinine clearance values monitored carefully to allow for dosage adjustments in renally impaired patients (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section).

Drug Interactions: Didanosine: At an oral dose of 1000 mg of CYTOSINE every 8 hours and didanosine 200 mg every 12 hours, the steady-state didanosine AUC₀₋₂₄ increased 111 ± 114% (range: 10% to 493%) when didanosine was administered either 2 hours prior to or concurrent with administration of CYTOSINE (n=12 patients; 23 observations). A decrease in steady-state ganciclovir AUC of 21 ± 17% (range: -44% to 5%) was observed when didanosine was administered 2 hours prior to administration of CYTOSINE, but ganciclovir AUC was not affected by the presence of didanosine when the two drugs were administered simultaneously (n=12). There were no significant changes in renal clearance for either drug.

Zidovudine: At an oral dose of 1000 mg of CYTOSINE every 8 hours, mean steady-state ganciclovir AUC₀₋₂₄ decreased 17 ± 25% (range: -52% to 23%) in the presence of zidovudine, 100 mg every 4 hours (n=12). Steady-state zidovudine AUC₀₋₂₄ increased 19 ± 27% (range: -11% to 74%) in the presence of ganciclovir. Since both zidovudine and ganciclovir have the potential to cause neutropenia and anemia, some patients may not tolerate concomitant therapy with these drugs at full dosage.

Probenecid: At an oral dose of 1000 mg of CYTOSINE every 8 hours (n=10), ganciclovir AUC₀₋₂₄ increased 53 ± 91% (range: -14% to 299%) in the presence of probenecid, 500 mg every 6 hours. Renal clearance of ganciclovir decreased 22 ± 20% (range: -54% to -4%), which is consistent with an interaction involving competition for renal tubular secretion.

Imipenem-cilastatin: Generalized seizures have been reported in patients who received ganciclovir and imipenem-cilastatin.

CYTOSINE-IV (ganciclovir sodium for injection) and CYTOSINE (ganciclovir capsules)

clisatin. These drugs should not be used concomitantly unless the potential benefits outweigh the risks.

Other Medications: It is possible that drugs that inhibit replication of rapidly dividing cell populations such as bone marrow, spermatogenesis and germinal layers of skin and gastrointestinal mucosa may have additive toxicity when administered concomitantly with ganciclovir. Therefore, drugs such as dapsone, pentamidine, flucytosine, vincristine, vinblastine, adriamycin, amphotericin B, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole combinations or other nucleoside analogues, should be considered for concomitant use with ganciclovir only if the potential benefits are judged to outweigh the risks.

No formal drug interaction studies of CYTOSINE-IV solution or CYTOSINE and drugs commonly used in transplant recipients have been conducted. Increases in serum creatinine were observed in patients treated with CYTOSINE-IV plus either cyclosporine or amphotericin B, drugs with known potential for nephrotoxicity (see ADVERSE EVENTS section).

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis: Ganciclovir was carcinogenic in the mouse at oral doses of 20 and 1000 mg/kg/day (approximately 0.1x and 1.4x, respectively, the mean drug exposure in humans following the recommended intravenous dose of 5 mg/kg, based on area under the plasma concentration curve [AUC] comparisons). At the dose of 1000 mg/kg/day there was a significant increase in the incidence of tumors of the preputial gland in males, forestomach (nonpapillary mucosa) in males and females, and reproductive tissues (ovaries, uterus, mammary gland, clitoral gland and vagina) and liver in females. At the dose of 20 mg/kg/day, a slightly increased incidence of tumors was noted in the preputial and hardenian glands in males, forestomach in males and females, and liver in females. No carcinogenic effect was observed in mice administered ganciclovir at 1 mg/kg/day (estimated as 0.01x the human dose based on AUC comparison). Except for histiocytic sarcoma of the liver, ganciclovir-induced tumors were generally of epithelial or vascular origin. Although the preputial and clitoral glands, forestomach and hardenian glands of mice do not have human counterparts, ganciclovir should be considered a potential carcinogen in humans.

Ganciclovir increased mutations in mouse lymphoma cells and DNA damage in human lymphocytes in vitro at concentrations between 50 to 500 and 250 to 2000 μ g/mL, respectively. In the mouse micronucleus assay, ganciclovir was clastogenic at doses of 150 and 500 mg/kg (IV) (2.8 to 10x human exposure based on AUC) but not 50 mg/kg (exposure approximately comparable to the human based on AUC). Ganciclovir was not mutagenic in the Ames Salmonella assay at concentrations of 500 to 5000 μ g/mL.

Impairment of Fertility: Ganciclovir caused decreased mating behavior, decreased fertility, and an increased incidence of embryolethality in female mice following intravenous doses of 90 mg/kg/day (approximately 1.7x the mean drug exposure in humans following the dose of 5 mg/kg, based on AUC comparisons). Ganciclovir caused decreased fertility in male mice and hypospertogenesis in mice and dogs following daily oral or intravenous administration of doses ranging from 0.2 to 10 mg/kg. Systemic drug exposure (AUC) at the lowest dose showing toxicity in each species ranged from 0.03 to 0.1x the AUC of the recommended human intravenous dose.

Pregnancy, Category C: Ganciclovir has been shown to be embryotoxic in rabbits and mice following intravenous administration and teratogenic in rabbits. Fetal resorptions were present in at least 85% of rabbits and mice administered 60 mg/kg/day and 108 mg/kg/day (2x the human exposure based on AUC comparisons), respectively. Effects observed in rabbits included: fetal growth retardation, embryolethality, teratogenicity and/or maternal toxicity. Teratogenic changes included cleft palate, anophthalmia/microphthalmia, aplastic organs (kidney and pancreas), hydrocephaly and brachycephaly. In mice, effects observed were maternal/fetal toxicity and embryolethality.

Daily intravenous doses of 90 mg/kg administered to female mice prior to mating, during gestation, and during lactation caused hypoplasia of the testes and seminal vesicles in the month-old male offspring, as well as pathological changes in the nonpapillary region of the stomach (see Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis subsection). The drug exposure in mice as estimated by the AUC was approximately 1.7x the human AUC.

Ganciclovir may be teratogenic or embryotoxic at dose levels recommended for human use. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefits justify the potential risk to the fetus.

Footnote: All dose comparisons presented in the Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility and Pregnancy subsections are based on the human AUC following administration of a single 5 mg/kg intravenous infusion of CYTOSINE-IV as used during the maintenance phase of treatment. Compared with the single 5 mg/kg intravenous infusion, human exposure is doubled during the intravenous induction phase (5 mg/kg bid) and approximately halved during maintenance treatment with CYTOSINE capsules (1000 mg bid). The cross-species dose comparisons should be divided by 2 for intravenous induction treatment with CYTOSINE-IV and multiplied by 2 for CYTOSINE capsules.

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether ganciclovir is excreted in human milk. However, many drugs are excreted in human milk and, because carcinogenic and teratogenic effects occur in animals treated with ganciclovir, the possibility of serious adverse reactions from ganciclovir in nursing infants is considered likely (see Pregnancy, Category C section). Mothers should be instructed to discontinue nursing if they are receiving CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE. The minimum interval before nursing can safely be resumed after the last dose of CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE is unknown.

Pediatric Use: SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF CYTOSINE-IV AND CYTOSINE IN CHILDREN HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE USE OF CYTOSINE-IV OR CYTOSINE IN CHILDREN WARRANTS EXTREME CAUTION DUE TO THE PROBABILITY OF LONG-TERM CARCINOGENICITY AND REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY. ADMINISTRATION TO CHILDREN SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY AFTER CAREFUL EVALUATION AND ONLY IF THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF TREATMENT OUTWEIGH THE RISKS.

The spectrum of adverse events reported in 120 immunocompromised pediatric clinical trial participants with serious CMV infections receiving CYTOSINE-IV solution were similar to those reported in adults. Granulocytopenia (17%) and thrombocytopenia (10%) were the most common adverse events reported. Sixteen children (8 months to 15 years of age) with life- or sight-threatening CMV infections were evaluated in an open-label CYTOSINE-IV solution pharmacokinetics study. Adverse events reported for more than 1 child were as follows: hypokalemia (4/16, 25%), abnormal kidney function (3/16, 19%), sepsis (3/16, 19%), thrombocytopenia (3/16, 19%), leukopenia (2/16, 13%), coagulation disorder (2/16, 13%), hypertension (2/16, 13%), pneumonia (2/16, 13%) and immune system disorder (2/16, 13%).

There has been very limited clinical experience using CYTOSINE-IV for the treatment of CMV retinitis in patients under the age of 12 years. Two children (ages 9 and 5 years) showed improvement or stabilization of retinitis for 23 and 9 months, respectively. These children received induction treatment with 2.5 mg/kg tid followed by maintenance therapy with 6 to 6.5 mg/kg once per day, 5 to 7 days per week. When retinitis progressed during once-daily maintenance therapy, both children were treated with the 5 mg/kg bid regimen. Two other children (ages 2.5 and 4 years) who received similar induction regimens showed only partial or no response to treatment. Another child, a 6-year-old with T-cell dysfunction, showed stabilization of retinitis for 3 months while receiving continuous infusions of CYTOSINE-IV at doses of 2 to 5 mg/kg/24 hours. Continuous infusion treatment was discontinued due to granulocytopenia.

Eleven of the 72 patients in the placebo-controlled trial in bone marrow transplant recipients were children, ranging from 3 to 10 years of age (5 treated with CYTOSINE-IV and 6 with placebo). Five of the pediatric patients treated with CYTOSINE-IV received 5 mg/kg intravenously bid for up to 167 days; 4 patients went on to receive 5 mg/kg qd up to day 100 post-transplant. Results were similar to those observed in adult transplant recipients treated with CYTOSINE-IV. Two of the 6 placebo-treated pediatric patients developed CMV pneumonia, versus none of the 5 patients treated with CYTOSINE-IV. The spectrum of adverse events in the pediatric group was similar to that observed in the adult patients.

CYTOSINE capsules have not been studied in children under age 13.

Use in Patients with Renal Impairment: CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE should be used with caution in patients with impaired renal function because the half-life and plasma/serum concentrations of ganciclovir will be increased due to reduced renal clearance (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION and ADVERSE EVENTS: Renal Toxicity sections).

Hemodialysis has been shown to reduce plasma levels of ganciclovir by approximately 50%.

Use in Elderly Patients: The pharmacokinetic profiles of CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE in elderly patients have not been established. Since elderly individuals frequently have a reduced glomerular filtration rate, particular attention should be paid to assessing renal function before and during administration of CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section).

ADVERSE EVENTS: Adverse events that occurred during clinical trials of CYTOSINE-IV solution and CYTOSINE capsules are summarized below, according to the participating study subject population.

Subjects with AIDS: Three controlled, randomized, phase 3 trials comparing CYTOSINE-IV and CYTOSINE capsules for maintenance treatment of CMV retinitis have been completed. During these trials, CYTOSINE-IV or CYTOSINE capsules were prematurely discontinued in 9% of subjects because of adverse events, new or worsening intercurrent illnesses, or laboratory abnormalities. In a placebo-controlled, randomized, phase 3 trial of CYTOSINE capsules for prevention of CMV disease in AIDS, treatment was prematurely discontinued because of adverse events, new or worsening intercurrent illness, or laboratory abnormalities in 19.5% of subjects treated with CYTOSINE capsules and 16% of subjects receiving placebo. Laboratory data and adverse events reported during the conduct of these controlled trials are summarized on next page.

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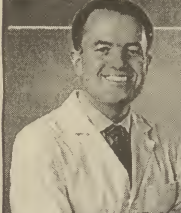
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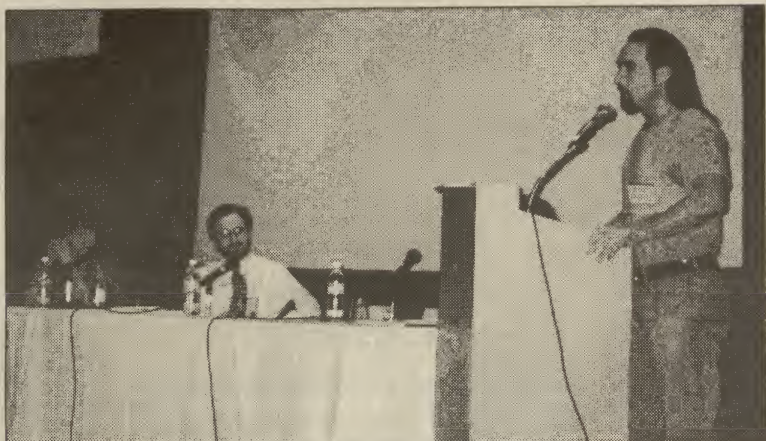


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Steven Deeks (l) listens to G'Dali Braverman speak at the Women and HIV Conference.

Conference focuses on clinical issues for women with HIV

by Liz Highleyman

The morning plenary session of the 5th Annual Women and HIV conference on Friday, December 30 focused on clinical issues relevant to women with HIV and AIDS. Although HIV-related illnesses and treatment are largely similar for women and men in biological terms, HIV-positive women often must deal with additional issues related to poverty, mental health, substance use, children, and lack of access to information and appropriate medical care.

Concerning manifestations of HIV disease specific to women, Abner Korn, MD of UCSF and San Francisco General Hospital talked about cervical dysplasia and cancer. Women with HIV have a five-fold risk of developing cervical dysplasia compared to HIV-negative women, and among women with AIDS the risk is even higher. Although cervical dysplasia is common among all women, the condition may be more aggressive, progress more rapidly, recur more often, and be harder to treat in women with HIV. Korn (and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recommends that HIV positive women receive a pap smear at least annually (many recommend every six months). However, because pap smears are not able to detect all cases of dysplasia, a procedure called a colposcopy—in which a high-powered microscope is used to view the cervix—is also often suggested.

Early stage cervical dysplasia may be treated by freezing the atypical cells or burning them with a laser; in many cases, the condition resolves spontaneously. A study is now enrolling at SFGH that will look at Accutane (most well known as an acne medication) as a non-surgical treatment. Korn emphasized that for HIV positive women, the issue is ongoing management of cervical dysplasia, rather than a cure.

Microbicide update

Priscilla Abercrombie, also of UCSF/SFGH, discussed the development of new intravaginal microbicides to prevent the transmission of HIV and other sexual-

ly transmitted diseases (STDs). She emphasized the need for a woman-controlled method that can be used without the knowledge or consent of partners. (Although the use of microbicide lubricants is also of interest to gay male "bottoms," current microbicide research is concentrated heavily on vaginal, rather than anal, applications.) Nonoxonyl-9 (N-9) is the most widely available microbicide/spermicide in the U.S. The main drawback of N-9 is that it can cause vaginal irritation, which may facilitate the transmission of HIV and STDs.

An international working group has formed to promote microbicide research, and Health and Human Services Director Donna Shalala announced this summer that the U.S. would devote \$100 million to this effort. Agents currently under study include citric acid and the antibiotic gramicidin. In terms of contraception, Abercrombie noted that hormonal contraceptives (such as oral and injectable methods) may have an effect on the transmission of HIV—both to and from a woman—and susceptibility to other infections.

Finally, Abercrombie emphasized the need for microbicides that can be used anally by women and men, and for "morning after" prophylactic methods that can be used following unprotected intercourse.

Women and proteases

The new protease inhibitor drugs have made a big splash in the media and have had a major effect on the lives of many people with HIV/AIDS. As yet, however, there is little information about how these drugs specifically affect women. While acknowledging that he could not offer facts about how these drugs affect oral contraceptive use, vaginal viral load, or perinatal transmission, G'dali Braverman, a treatment educator with the Asian/Pacific Islander Wellness Center, did offer information about how the drugs work and how treatment can be made easier for women with HIV. Using a crumpled tissue, Braverman demonstrated how the nucleoside analog drugs "keep HIV from going into a cell" (by disrupting replication of the virus' genetic

material), while the protease inhibitor drugs "keep HIV from coming out of a cell" (by interfering with the building of new progeny virus).

Citing his own difficulties with drug side effects, Braverman discussed how women and their healthcare providers could make the best personalized treatment decisions, noting that the most potent drug may not be the most appropriate drug for every person's lifestyle. The protease inhibitor drugs must be taken on a strict schedule, have varying food requirements, and may need to be refrigerated. Braverman suggested doing a "trial run" by taking empty gel caps to find out if one can stick to a regimen. He acknowledged that there may be difficult trade-offs involved in taking a drug that is decreasing viral load and increasing T-cells, while at the same time causing side effects that diminish quality of life.

He also noted that there is an ongoing debate about whether to "hit early and hit hard" at the risk of "burning bridges" that may be needed later. Braverman emphasized that new combinations may render old drugs effective again, and that new drugs coming down the research pipeline will give people with HIV more options. He urged women not to be prematurely discouraged thinking that they have exhausted all their treatment avenues.

Claire Brokart, NP acknowledged the concern some women have that they will "screw themselves out of" a beneficial drug because they are unable to use it correctly.

She pointed out that for some women, issues of recovery, housing, and mental health may be priorities that must be dealt with before starting a complex antiviral regimen. Steven Deeks, MD noted that initial drug studies are done in "highly compliant, motivated patients with no other issues in their lives." Braverman encouraged women to explore alternative therapies to fortify their bodies against the side effects of combination antiviral drugs, and emphasized that "mental readiness may be the most important component" of successful treatment. ▼

WOMEN & HIV

Youth/HIV session issues: sexual identity, self-esteem, medical pot

by Leslie Hanna

A break-out session at the Fifth Annual Women and HIV Conference on January 31 addressed the HIV-related concerns of youth. The "Youth Issues" session was moderated by Julie Graham, MFCC, founder of Bay Area Young Positives (BAY Positives), an agency that provides peer-based emotional support and advocacy for HIV positive youth up to 26 years of age. The session provided a forum for relating the personal experiences of HIV-positive young women and people working with youth.

Erica Monasterio, NP of UCSF discussed clinical issues relating to young women with HIV. In a brief review of epidemiology and transmission, she noted that the male-to-female ratio for positive youth continues to shrink. In 1992, the ratio was three young men to one young woman with HIV; by June 1996, the ratio had fallen to 1.8 men to one woman. Young women – particularly young women of color, who account for 80% of young women with AIDS – are at ever-increasing risk for HIV transmission, particularly due to heterosexual transmission. Monasterio emphasized that healthcare professionals must be educated to recognize risk in young women.

"The concept of risk for young women needs to be broadened," she said. "There is nothing that makes young women at risk stand out, other than the same red flags that put young women at risk for pregnancy or other STDs."

Monasterio noted that little is known about HIV risk and transmission for lesbian-identified young women, wryly observing that research has yet to address these issues among women as a whole. She added that a reported 80% of lesbians have had sexual contact with men at some point in their lives, usually as young women. This probably holds true for young, sexually active lesbians today, she said. "With more and more gay and lesbian youth being out, and a high degree of social contact between males and females, there are undoubtedly young lesbians who have sex with young men, men who may themselves be at elevated risk for HIV."

Monasterio concluded that "it is critical to talk with youth about sexual practices, not just sexual identity, and to talk about reducing risk relative to behaviors."

Other special HIV treatment issues for young women relate to physiological and psychological factors. For example, the linings of the genital tract in young women are not fully mature, which is one reason why the highest rates of pelvic inflammatory disease are seen in young women. Young women also tend to be at elevated risk for cancer-like tissue changes of the genitalia (multifocal genital neoplasia, usually related to human papillomavirus infection). At a minimum, young women with HIV should receive pap smears and colposcopy monitoring exams every six months.

Psychological issues include those related to developmental stage (is the young woman still a dependent living at home?), to future thinking and planning (col-

lege, career, family), and to compliance with HIV treatment. The developmental issues that adolescents struggle with are exacerbated by having a chronic, life-threatening disease. Young people are forced to deal with a healthcare system – and, often, a family system altered by HIV – for which they are not prepared. While adults also have difficulty adhering to demanding antiviral drug regimens, young women in particular may benefit from "developmentally appropriate" adherence counseling. "Adhering to a treatment regimen is a different story for a 13-year-old compared to a 15-year-old, and different again for a 19- or 23-year-old," according to Monasterio.

Monasterio concluded by stressing the importance of individualized care that takes into account developmental stage, HIV disease stage, coping skills, and continuing risk behaviors. She stressed devel-

opment stage over chronological age, and recommended that healthcare providers regard youths as "partners in planning."

Peer group success

Nancy Rubin, a teacher at Sir Francis Drake High School in Marin, detailed her experience

students really relate to and learn from the guest speakers. Meeting and listening to their peers breaks down their prejudices or expectations about what a person with AIDS looks like, thinks like, is."

Finally, two young women living with HIV eloquently described their experiences. Although their

them at risk for HIV. Both stated that the desire to promote self-esteem and positive self-regard in young people motivates the public speaking and peer advocacy they do at schools ranging from Stanford University to local elementary schools.

A question about medical marijuana prompted one of the panelists to state that smoking allows her to comply with her antiviral regimen, which includes Crixivan, Merck's protease inhibitor. The nausea and vomiting that Crixivan causes reduces her quality of life so much that she wouldn't continue taking it, if not for medical marijuana. She added that she does not smoke marijuana recreationally. Another panelist said she does not use medical marijuana herself because of her history of substance use, but she firmly supports its use for anyone with a medical condition who benefits from it. ▼

"The concept of risk for young women needs to be broadened."

— Erica Monasterio, NP of UCSF

working in HIV prevention with high school youth. What succeeds most with her students is to bring in peer advocates, or youth living with HIV. "Every once in a while," she said, "I'll run into former students. After we chat and catch up, they almost always ask, 'And how is so-and-so? Is s/he still alive?' My

stories differed in the details – one woman named her nuclear family as her single and most valuable post-diagnosis source of support, while the other described her former life as a reckless "party girl" – both emphatically stated their belief that low self-esteem played a huge role in the behaviors that put

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Women and HIV attendees discuss harm reduction

by Liz Highleyman

The philosophy of harm reduction has gained greater attention as the failure of abolitionist anti-drug policies becomes ever more apparent. Many attendees at the Women and HIV Conference held last week took part in a break-out session on harm reduction, making it one of the most well-attended sessions of the conference.

Harm reduction, broadly defined, refers to attempts to reduce the harm caused by an activity — particularly drug use — without necessarily demanding a reduction in that activity. The idea is to separate the activity itself from the harm related to that activity. Rather than trying to stop drug use, harm reductionists instead seek to reduce drug-related harm to individuals, communities, and society. The most well-known example of harm reduction is needle exchange, which seeks to prevent the transmission of HIV among injection drug users, their sex partners, and their children.

Sara Kershner, of the Harm Reduction Coalition in Oakland, provided background on the harm reduction philosophy as it relates to women, drug use, and HIV. Kershner noted that — as is the case with safer sex — women

may not have the power within their relationships to insist on safer drug use. Female junkies in our society face a great deal of stigma, including the belief that they are vectors of HIV transmission to children and to the lesbian community. The use of mood-altering substances and the need to exchange sex for drugs or money may interfere with both safer sex and safer drug use.

Kershner addressed some of the myths about harm reduction. Within the harm reduction paradigm, a person's decision to use drugs is accepted as fact (often expressed as "meeting the user where they're at"), but this does not imply approval of the decision. A drug user is treated with dignity as a normal person; by the same token, there is an expectation that the user will behave normally, that is, in a responsible and non-violent manner. The harm reduction philosophy does not attempt to excuse, minimize, or ignore the harm done to individuals, families, and communities by drug use, but does attempt to reduce that harm by whatever means are available.

Kershner called attention to the fallacy that abstinence-based drug treatment models and harm reduction strategies are necessarily in opposition; in reality, the two philosophies are on a contin-



Pat Norman, Pat Franks, Laura Thomas and other panel members field audience queries at the conference.

uum. Successful harm reduction efforts often prove to be a vital first step toward a reduction in drug use and eventual abstinence. Kershner concluded by noting that drug use serves a purpose in people's lives; for many women, drugs are a way to cope with violence and sexual abuse. This coping mechanism cannot be taken away until people are able to develop other strategies.

Judy Greenspan, of Catholic Charities of the Easy Bay, dis-

cussed harm reduction in relation to women with HIV in prison. As a prison activist, Greenspan has advocated for the compassionate release of women with AIDS. She believes that "harm reduction does not work in prisons, which are one of the most harmful settings known." With rare exceptions, prisons do not allow harm reduction tools such as clean needles, bleach, and safer sex supplies. Noting that 80% of women in prison have been convicted of

non-violent crimes and have a drug use history, Greenspan stated her belief that harm reduction for women prisoners "would involve eliminating incarceration" and instituting positive drug treatment programs.

Given that HIV-positive women in prison face discrimination and poor medical care, harm reduction in prison means advocating for prisoners' rights. Greenspan cited the benefits of

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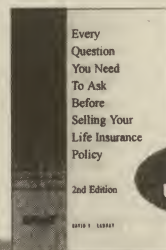
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Transgenders' obstacles in HIV treatment

by Cynthia Laird

Immediately after the young woman tested positive for HIV in 1993, her self-esteem plummeted and she turned to drugs as a means of escape. In 1995 she decided to seek help and went into a 90-day program for substance abuse. But the problem was that HIV issues were not addressed; nor was another matter addressed - her transition from a man to a woman: she was transgendered.

The woman's story was just one of several heard by those who attended the transgender session at the fifth annual Women and HIV Conference January 30. The

panelists talked frankly about their lives and the frustration that has resulted from being denied HIV services because they're transgendered.

Things are changing, however, as more HIV/AIDS service organizations begin to address the unique needs of the transgender community.

Dr. Barry Zevin, medical director at the Tom Waddell Health Center (part of the city's Department of Public Health), said he has TGT, or Transgender Tuesdays, a clinic for those individuals. It has been operating for just over three years.

"My first observation was that these people were really sick,"

Zevin said, referring to the early days of the transgender clinic. "Now we are seeing people earlier in the disease."

One common issue that arises, Zevin said, concerns hormone treatment, something most male-to-female (MTF) and female-to-male (FTM) transgender people experience. Zevin said there are interactions between AIDS drugs and hormones, but he hasn't seen them to be significant and wishes there were more research available.

Kiki Whitlock, with the

Asian/Pacific Islander Wellness Center, and a transgender rights activist, said that the AIDS Office is going to be doing a study that will include seroprevalence data on transgenders. About 500 participants - ideally half MTF and half FTM - will be needed for the study that is expected to get started this spring.

"We want as much diversity as possible," Whitlock said of the sample group.

Andrea Pasillas, with Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic, Inc., and a

Latina MTF, told the audience she had to utilize the city's Human Rights Commission when she filed a complaint against a potential employer who did not hire her.

"We are a forgotten community and a forgotten target population," said Pasillas. "The gay white males get most of the money, the women get the leftovers, and transgender women get the crumbs."

"Women have the glass ceiling," Pasillas added. "We're trying to get out of the concrete basement." ▼

HIV-positive sex workers a topic at Women and HIV Conference

by Leslie Hanna

At the Fifth Annual Women and HIV Conference held last week, a break-out session entitled "Sex after HIV" was devoted to myriad issues revolving around HIV and sexuality. The panelists included women living with HIV/AIDS, sex workers, and a psychologist. In a "break-out within a break-out," Carol Leigh and Victoria Schneider of the Coalition on Prostitution/Prostitute's Education Network spoke about HIV, sex work, and the legal system.

Leigh, an activist and a prostitute for 18 years, opened by asking, "Did you know that in California, if you're HIV-positive and do a hand job, it's a felony?" Legally, prostitution is loosely defined as contact between the mouth, hands, breast, or genitals of one person and those of another. Currently, the felony charge for HIV-positive prostitutes - known as a 647f in California - is the law in 28 states.

"Did you know that, if you're convicted of prostitution, HIV testing is mandatory?" Mandatory HIV testing for convicted prostitutes was promoted by Willie Brown, "who, embroiled in a power struggle in the state assembly, ignored the recommendations of health advocates and experts and passed it anyway."

Since these laws passed in California, Leigh said, there have been about 250 prostitution arrests, compared to 15-25 before that time. Currently, a charge of felony prostitution applies to those convicted of either pimping or prostituting. Leigh wants advocates to pressure the state to separate 647f convictions from pimping, in order to accurately and categorically track 647f felony convictions.

"In one year in San Francisco, 17 people were prosecuted under 647f. Twenty-five percent of women with long-term jail sentences in San Francisco are there for prostitution. That's long-term

jail - the numbers go way up for short-term incarceration. Seventy percent of women in prison were first jailed for prostitution."

The city of San Francisco annually budgets \$363,000 for HIV testing. Of the 300-400 people tested each year, the majority are female. "You have a system that places women in jail who have known, positive HIV test results, but that fails to provide any treatment."

Victoria Schneider said to the largely female audience, "If you have sex, and you're HIV-positive, take note: from 1994 through 1996, only seven men were tested by the forensic system."

'That's the way it is'

Leigh supports a community-building model for peer education of sex workers. This would entail hiring HIV-positive persons, sex workers, and substance users, and training them as project directors and consultants to agencies that serve sex workers.

"Until agency workers and social workers get behind this model, an 'us versus them' attitude will prevail toward clients who are sex workers," she predicted, "taking us the wrong way down a continuum of marginalization and criminalization."

The "us vs. them" attitude also impedes the development of healthy attitudes and behaviors (physical, emotional, mental, or sexual) in the HIV-positive clients of social and medical services. "It doesn't work for HIV-positive clients seeking support from a provider to have that provider look at them blankly as they talk, for example, about how much they miss unprotected oral sex, and then say, 'Yeah, well, that's the way it is now. It's that or death - that's the deal.'"

Leigh and Schneider called for social workers and others working with HIV-positive people to recognize the validity of their clients' feelings of loss, for example of sexual activities and repertoires no longer sanctioned, and of the inherent difficulties involved in ongoing sexual decision-making. ▼



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Four members of ACT UP/Golden Gate attended the 4th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections in Washington D.C., from January 22nd to 26th. This conference is particularly important because it will be the main AIDS-related scientific conference in 1997.

In the coming weeks, ACT UP members will be reporting on what we learned at the conference. This article covers two new drugs discussed at the conference, and data showing the effect of antiviral therapy on opportunistic infections.

Abbott's new protease inhibitor

Drug manufacturer Abbott Laboratories presented data on two protease inhibitor treatment strategies: its heavily promoted ritonavir/saquinavir combination, and a new protease inhibitor, ABT-378. ABT-378 is claimed to be a potent inhibitor of HIV protease, but with a significant disadvantage: it must be used in combination with ritonavir. It is also of concern that all of the eight abstracts presented at the conference regarding ABT-378 were presented by company officials, not independent researchers.

Based upon in vitro (test tube) data presented at the conference, ABT-378 is a very potent inhibitor of the HIV-protease enzyme. In one study, ABT-378 was shown to be ten-fold more active than ritonavir, and 80-fold more active than saquinavir or indinavir, against wild-type (non-drug resistant) protease enzyme. This difference is even greater when ABT-378 is tested against the protease enzyme of drug-resistant strains of HIV.

Based upon this data, the company projects that ABT-378 blood levels, when combined with ritonavir (see below), will be 50 times the amount needed to inhibit wild-type virus and ten times that needed to inhibit ritonavir-resistant virus. Because ABT-378's projected blood levels are so high, Abbott is attempting to develop a formulation that can be taken once or twice a day.

According to company officials, ABT-378 was specifically designed to bind to and inhibit HIV-protease in such a way as to avoid interacting with a part of the protease enzyme called Valine-82, which plays an important role in the development of resistance to protease inhibitors. As a result, ABT-378 is very active against ritonavir- and indinavir-resistant virus, potentially offering another option for patients who have failed these drugs.

Unsurprisingly, however, the virus is also able to develop resistance to ABT-378. According to Abbott, ABT-378 resistant virus "is partially cross-resistant to ritonavir and indinavir but nearly completely sensitive to saquinavir." As a result, patients contemplating using ABT-378 would need to carefully consider the possibility that should they

use ABT-378, and become resistant, they might not be able to benefit from these other drugs.

Based on data presented, ABT-378 must be used in combination with ritonavir in order to achieve adequate blood levels. According to animal and in vitro studies, ABT-378 is removed from the body very rapidly by the liver and other organs, leading to blood levels below that needed to suppress HIV. In order to prevent this, Abbott is attempting to exploit a problem which has greatly limited ritonavir's use: ritonavir inhibits an enzyme called CYP3A4, which causes ritonavir to interact with many other drugs by blocking their removal from the body. For some drugs, this can cause elevated and potentially unsafe blood levels. Abbott is now attempting to use this property of ritonavir to block ABT-378's removal from the body in order to elevate its blood levels to that necessary to block viral replication.

Because only small amounts of ritonavir would be combined with ABT-378, the amount of ritonavir present in the blood would be below that needed to prevent the development of resistance to ritonavir. As a result, some activists are concerned that this combination would lead to the development of virus resistant to ritonavir, and potentially, other protease inhibitors. However, company officials argue that ABT-378 would suppress HIV so effectively that the virus would be unable to mutate around the ritonavir. They also argue that the presence of very low amounts of ritonavir would not pressure the virus to develop ritonavir resistance.

In addition, company officials stated at a community meeting that they would only sell ABT-378 in the form of capsules containing both ABT-378 and ritonavir. While they claim that this is to prevent misuse (i.e., patients achieving inadequate blood levels by using ABT-378 alone), it is also clear that Abbott has a compelling business interest in forcing patients to continue to use ritonavir, a drug infamous for its side-effects and serious, and in some cases, fatal drug interactions. In addition to testing ABT-378 with ritonavir, Abbott should either test, or make available for testing, ABT-378 in combination with other antiviral drugs that inhibit CYP3A4, such as indinavir and delavirdine.

NNRTIs- Class of their own

Because of the encouraging results that have been achieved through the use of protease inhibitors, other classes of anti-HIV drugs have achieved relatively little attention. However, generally encouraging data was presented at the conference on five non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs): nevirapine, delavirdine, loviride, DMP 266, and MKC 442.

Of these drugs, the strongest data pertained a study of DMP-266, which is manufactured by DuPont Merck. In this study, 30 patients were randomized to receive either indinavir + DMP-266 or indinavir + placebo following

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two weeks of indinavir monotherapy. Of the 30, 20 received DMP-266, while ten received placebo. In order to enter the study, patients were required to have between 100 and 500 CD4 count and a viral load greater than 20,000, and be protease inhibitor- and NNRTI-naïve.

Following 24 weeks of therapy, patients receiving combination therapy had a 2.5 log drop in viral load, and 82% had undetectable viral loads. Patients receiving indinavir with a placebo had a 1.4 log drop in viral load, and 38% had undetectable viral loads. There was an average increase of approximately 100 CD4 count in each arm. As has been seen with other NNRTIs, the most common side-effect is rash, which occurred in eight patients.

DMP 266 also figured prominently in another presentation (#726) which showed that the combination of indinavir and DMP 266 significantly reduced the amount of HIV found in semen. According to one slide, "therapy with antiretroviral drugs like protease inhibitors promptly reduces viral load in semen in parallel with that of the blood."

While this data is encouraging, it does not decrease the need for all persons, HIV-infected or otherwise, and regardless of treatment, to follow safer-sex precautions. This is because HIV can be transmitted by a single HIV-infected cell, and researchers believe that some longer-lived cells continue to harbor the virus in the presence of complete viral suppression. Because virus contained in cells is not measured by viral load tests, even patients with "undetectable" viral loads may be able to spread the virus to others.

Protease inhibitor success stories

One encouraging section of the Retroviruses Conference, officially entitled "Effect of Protease Inhibitor Therapies on Opportunistic Infections," illustrated how much – and in some cases, how little – Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) can accomplish. While the dry, written record conveys the message that these drugs work, this section often made its point by showing pictures of KS lesions disappearing from patient's bodies and images of large, ugly lesions disappearing from HIV patient's brain scans.

During the conference, session after session showed the impact of new anti-viral drugs on how HIV-therapy affects both HIV and persons with HIV. Re-

searchers now report on the percentage of patients with an undetectable viral load and struggle to find more sensitive ways to measure the effect of drugs on the virus. Merely showing an increase in CD4 or decrease in viral load simply isn't enough, as researchers measure decreasing numbers of virions in the blood and tissue. As this section indicates, however, the benefits of antiretroviral therapy can be seen in a more direct, immediate way by many patients.

For example, Brown University researchers reported on four patients whose "untreatable, progressive opportunistic infections" resolved following the addition of protease inhibitors (Abstract #355). These patients included a patient whose intractable wasting resolved following the addition of indinavir (Crixivan) and who went on to gain 40 pounds. Other success stories included patients with cryptosporidiosis, PML, and parvovirus B19 infection. These results led researchers to conclude that "protease inhibitor therapy may result in successful treatment of previously incurable opportunistic infections."

A study of the effect of triple therapy with a protease inhibitor on cryptosporidiosis and microsporidiosis (Abstract #357) found that this led "to the clearance of Cryptosporidium and Microsporidium in 85% of the cases and is associated with a clinical improvement." These results are particularly encouraging because there is no approved, effective cure for these infections, which can lead to severe debilitation, and in the case of cryptosporidiosis, frequently death.

Two other abstracts (#351, 352) found that the initiation of HAART can lead to the development of fevers and inflammation in response to previously unrecognized Mycobacterium Avium Complex (MAC) infection. Researchers believe that the use of HAART led to development of an enhanced immune response to the MAC organisms. Since MAC generally isn't found in the tissues of healthy persons, this is a sign that the immune system is returning to normal.

While HAART can, in some instances, lead to dramatic improvements in patients with AIDS-related maladies, it does not appear to be effective in prevention of CMV retinitis. Dr. Mark Jacobson of San Francisco General Hospital reported (Abstract #353) that patients whose CD4 counts increase following the initiation of HAART are still at risk for CMV retinitis.

While this condition normally occurs in patients with CD4 counts under 50, they reported cases in patients whose CD4 counts were over 200. This trend, according to them, "suggest[s] that the immunologic benefits of HAART may not fully protect against CMV retinitis."

These cases illustrate the continuing debate over the effect of HAART on immune function. It is far from clear the extent to which increased T-cells translate into increased immune function. While the data presented at the conference showed that HAART has a positive effect on the immune system, it is unclear whether the immune system can be fully restored.

For more information

Much of the data presented at the conference can be accessed through the Internet. The "official" web-site set up by the conference organizers is located at "<http://www.retroconference.org>", while an unofficial and highly recommended site can be found at "<http://www.healthcg.com>". ▼

B-12 vitamin deficiency hurts PWAs

UPI Science News

Nutrition apparently plays an even bigger part in the progression of AIDS than previously thought.

A study of 310 gay and bisexual men with the HIV virus shows those with a deficiency in vitamin B-12 faced a much greater risk of disease progression to AIDS than those with normal levels.

The nine-year study of men from Baltimore and Washington, DC – which will be reported in the *Journal of Nutrition* later this month – focused on whether vitamin levels affected the time from HIV infection to AIDS diagnosis and T-lymphocyte counts. Lymphocytes, derived from white blood cells, are the immune system's front-line warriors against infection.

Lead study author Alice Tang of Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore said, "Those with low serum vitamin B-12 concentrations had an 87 percent increase in risk of disease progression to AIDS, compared with those who had adequate levels."

The researchers found the AIDS-free time was a median four years shorter for the deficient group.

Megadoses of vitamin supplementation, however, are not recommended at this point, since there is no evidence of any additional benefits once the deficiency is corrected. ▼

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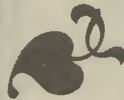
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Thor Butkus

March 24, 1965 – Oct. 22, 1996



Thor Butkus, 31, died October 22, 1996. Thor was born in Washington state, spent several years in Alaska, and arrived in San Francisco 14 years ago. She worked as a nursing assistant in the UCSF Neuropsych Intensive Care Unit. She was proud of her work, and was recognized as one of the best assistants in the hospital.

Thor was a graduate of Walden House, and had been clean and sober for over seven years. She lived with HIV for nearly eight years, and was a role model for other lesbians living with the virus.

Thor loved her motorcycle, tattoos, piercings and assorted perversions. Her presence in the leather and clean and sober communities will be sorely missed, especially at the High Noon meeting. She was a generous and loyal friend.

Thor is survived by her lover, Laura Thomas; her sister, Renelle Treat; family; and many wonderful friends who miss her very much. Donations in her memory may be made to A New Leaf/Operation Concern or WORLD.

Donald Eugene Curtis

May 26, 1944 – Jan. 28, 1997



Donald has been a prominent fixture in the SF gay community for more than 25 years. Often one to make his presence known to everyone around him, surprisingly he left us quickly and quietly the last Tuesday morning of January – surprising even those who felt Donald could do nothing more to surprise them.

Primarily a carpenter by trade, Donald

ald was a "jack-of-all-trades," and designed and remodeled many of the watering holes and clubs still frequented today. The past seven years were spent running his small mailbox rental business on California Street. His earliest years were spent working for General Electric in San Jose.

Donald is survived by many loving friends out there in many walks of life who will miss him in their own way and a big and loving family, especially his sister, Joan Chapman, and his nephew, Chip. Friends are invited to the home of Michael Sweeney at 134 Galewood Circle in San Francisco on February 15, 2-6 p.m., to celebrate and reminisce about his full life. Please call Michael at 415/664-5545 for further information.

Dennis Wayne Kennedy

Aug. 31, 1944 – Jan. 22, 1997



A native Oregonian, Dennis passed away at Ralph K. Davies. He came to San Francisco in the '60s and called it home thereafter.

Dennis lived his last years in seclusion to concentrate on his 11-year struggle with AIDS and other medical problems, too many to mention. Personal growth, self-education and esoteric interests were the foundations of his mind and knowledge. His legacy will live on through his artwork and the tarot cards he designed with his 13-year companion and soulmate, Tom.

Dennis is survived by his grandmother, Marie Knapp; his mother, Gladys Kennedy; two brothers, Mike and Terry; and his friend, Tom. His gentle ways, optimism, warmth and sensibility serve as an example to all who cared about him.

Dennis, you were the best thing that ever happened to me. Thank you – Tom.

Steve Partington

January 21, 1997



On January 21, our dear "Stella," Steve Partington, flew freely from our world into the heavens above. His gregarious spirit and bounteous sense of humor brought much joy and laughter into many of our lives. His presence will be sorely missed. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, February 22, at 8 p.m. Call 415/255-8633 for further details.

John Allen Riggs

Dec. 1, 1944 – Jan. 20, 1997

John Allen Riggs passed away peacefully following a brief illness, at rest



after living successfully with HIV for 12 years. A native of Daytona Beach, John is survived by his loving mother, Dorothy; his sister, Bambi; both of Florida; his brother, Lee;

sister-in-law, Paulina, both of Costa Rica; his partner, Maurice Hawk of San Francisco; and a legion of friends nationwide: Guy, Mary, Jerry, James, Joe, Hugh, Sandy, Howard, Dale, Eric, Lucy, Len, Merle, Tim, Russell, Claire and many others.

A graduate of Florida State, John lived in San Francisco for 20 years, working for the Health Department's Community Mental Health Program. Throughout his career, John remained a fiercely dedicated and caring advocate for the funding and attention necessary for people whose impairments would otherwise leave them exposed and abandoned.

John is desperately missed: his acerbic wit, zest for life, blunt editorial commentaries, and relentless quest to make this world a more loving and just place. We take solace that he has rejoined his beloved friends Madge, DiDi, Gina, Nick, JoAnne and others. There will be a memorial Mother's Day Shuck 'n' Suck Party in May, darlin'. For info, call Dale at 431-1864. Donations to the SF AIDS Foundation.

W. David Rozkuszka

Aug. 21, 1943 – Jan. 10, 1997



W. David Rozkuszka went on to the next stage of his existence, as he liked to put it, on January 10. Concerned most with quality of life, David chose not to treat his lymphoma. A meticulous planner,

he was thus able to know his approximate time of passage, and choosing to stay at home, he was surrounded by old friends and new in an atmosphere both supportive and cheerful.

Born in Ludlow, Mass., and educated at Loyola of Chicago and Syracuse University, David worked as a librarian at Stanford University from 1967 until 1994; at his retirement, he was head of the Jonsson Library of Government Documents. His contributions to his field of work are many, and those involved in the field best know the effect of David's passion for his work at Stanford and in the entire field of government documents. A scholarship in his name has been established at Stanford for the study of Library Sciences.

A memorial service for David will be held on February 8 at 11 a.m. at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Donations may be made to the Rozkuszka Memorial Scholarship, c/o Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.

We miss you, David, each of us in different ways.

State of the yawnion: gays hear nothing, again

news analysis by Bob Roehr

The enemy of our time is inaction," said President Bill Clinton at the beginning of his State of the Union Address on Tuesday, February 4. And again, as he has in the four previous addresses, he failed to speak to the specific concerns of the lesbian and gay community.

Some will no doubt take comfort in the president's phrases that "our diversity is our greatest strength ... [yet] we still see evidence of abiding bigotry and intolerance," believing it to include queers. But that was not the way pundits took it, for them it meant only race. And why should most straight Americans think otherwise?

Clinton addressed AIDS more forcefully than he had the previous years. "Since I took office, funding for AIDS research at the National Institutes of Health has

increased dramatically to \$1.5 billion." What he did not claim was responsibility for that fact, nor could he. The larger portion of that money was added by the Congressional patron of NIH, Illinois Republican John Porter.

The AIDS Action Council took a look at Clinton's preliminary budget for fiscal year '98, which will be formally submitted on February 6. It calls for an increase of 2.5 percent in funding for AIDS research – less than half of what Porter added each of the last year on top of the president's request.

"With new resources NIH will now become the most powerful discovery engine for an AIDS vaccine," Clinton continued, "working with other scientists, to finally end the threat of AIDS." This was not a call for a cure, nor for money to care for those already infected, it was a push for a vaccine to protect straight folks who are worried that they might get

AIDS. Of course the room erupted in applause.

"Remember that every year we move up the discovery of an AIDS vaccine will save millions of lives around the world. We must reinforce our commitment to medical science," he concluded. There was no call for action on what social science research shows can dramatically reduce new infections now (and for the last four years); there was no call for needle exchange programs.

The principal focus of Clinton's address was "to ensure that all Americans have the best education in the world." Among the laundry list of goals was that "every eight-year-old must be able to read, every twelve-year-old must be able to log onto the Internet, every eighteen-year-old must be able to go to college."

But all of the appropriations, education tax credits, and low in-

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AIDS Foundation tightens admission to board meetings

by Dennis Conkin

Members of the public who want to attend the quarterly San Francisco AIDS Foundation board meeting next June will be required to give at least 48 hours written notice — and attendance is not guaranteed, the *Bay Area Reporter* has learned.

The policy of requiring written requests to gain entrance to the board meetings was adopted more than a year ago by the board of the non-profit and tax-exempt agency, which has a \$16 million annual budget, according to AIDS Foundation spokesman Timothy Rodrigues.

Although various board committees meet monthly, the four yearly board meetings are considered "working dinners" and are "traditionally held off-site," Rodrigues said.

So far, no member of the public has ever asked to attend.

"We haven't had any requests in the last year," he said.

Members of ACT UP/San Francisco should not plan on

being allowed to attend, either, according to Rodrigues.

"Individuals who are reasonably perceived to attempt violence against agency staff, volunteers, or members of the board of directors will not be permitted to attend a board meeting," he said.

Rodrigues made the statement in response to criticism from ACT UP/SF member Michael Bellefontaine, who was detained but later released by police during a January 30 incident at the foundation offices at 10 United Nations Plaza.

Several members of the controversial AIDS activist group attempted to enter the building to attend the board meeting, only to find the location of the meeting had been incorrectly reported.

"I regret that misinformation in the *Bay Area Reporter* caused people to show up for a board meeting, because there wasn't one here," Rodrigues said. "No one called to verify the information in the January update."

Why didn't the foundation call the newspaper to correct the error, Bellefontaine wondered.



Right time, wrong place: ACT UP/SF's David Pasquarelli (center) has a few choice words for SFAF's Derrick Gordon (left) after the Jan. 30 "mix-up."

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terest student loans are of no value if you are dead.

Not included was the information necessary to keep those young people alive, the knowledge of how to protect themselves from HIV. More than half of all new AIDS diagnosis are in people 25 or younger, many of whom were infected in their teens.

A study of three San Francisco area counties, published in December, found that two percent of gay boys age 15 to 17 were already infected with HIV. "It shows you can't wait until someone is 19 or

21" to educate for prevention, said study director Dr. Willis McFarland. "By then it may be too late."

Nor was there any acknowledgment of the underlying homophobia in schools which drives young gay kids into isolation, or to run away, or commit suicide at rates several times that of their peers. There was no talk of rules which gag discussion of sex and sexuality in even the most enlightened school districts.

Surely the administration is aware of the scope of the problem, because on February 11-12 the National Institutes of Health hosts a two-day conference on HIV prevention. But the president was silent. ▼

"What kind of elitist crap is this?" he asked.

'Every attempt to accommodate'

AIDS Foundation board member Eric Ciasullo told the B.A.R. that the board frequently invited members of the public to attend the meeting and that many accept the invitation.

Ciasullo is a person with AIDS who is also a longtime AIDS activist, queer youth activist, and onetime member of ACT UP/SF.

Security measures are only one part of the reason for the written

request policy, he said. According to Ciasullo, the directors want to be able to schedule the agenda and also allocate time if a member of the public wishes to address the board.

"We make every attempt to accommodate people who want to come to the meeting, but if folks come to disrupt, then they are not going to be welcome, and we would be remiss to allow them to attend," Ciasullo said.

Bellefontaine and ACT UP/SF member Ronnie Burk are prohibited by restraining order from entering the Foundation premises or

being in close physical proximity to AIDS Foundation personnel.

They are not restricted from other office or plaza sites at the Civic Center, such as the federal Social Security Office or the Carl's Jr. fast food franchise in the complex.

Rodrigues said requests for permission to attend the SFAF Board meeting in June could be addressed to Chair Paul Wisotzky, c/o the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, at Post Office Box 426182, San Francisco CA 94142-6182.

"The May meeting is a retreat, not held in the city," Rodrigues added. ▼



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A major league butt plant

by Jim Provénzano

Beware of new jobs that require a change of wardrobe. I forget who said it, Emerson, or Walden, one of those guys. It sticks most as a saying from E.M. Forster's *A Room With a View*, but wherever it's from, the point is that some sports require a rather major transformation in the garb 'n' gadget department, and skiing and snowboarding top this category.

There's a revolution going on up in the hills. You may have noticed the hype, but it's true. It's all about equipment, of course, what you ski with, how you ski, and if you even do ski.

Snowboarders and skiers are a different sort of people, as the ads deftly show. Snowboarders are grunge puppies, while skiers drive Audis and BMWs. At least that's what the classist reductionist vision of pop culture tells us.

The lingo of skiing also changes, and was duly explained recently by the *SF Examiner's* Outdoors columnist Tom Steinstra, including such terms as "yard sale" (the explosion of skis, poles, gloves, etc., after crashing), "biffing it" (a routine fall), and, my favorite, a "major league butt plant" (falling on your keister).

For comprehensive information on skiing this winter, check out some of the free magazines around that cater to your questions. The November/December edition of *City Sports* features a huge ski guide with listings and

ratings of all slopes around the West Coast. It also features a lot of ads for stuff.

I've never been one for clothes that make sounds when you wear them. You know, those everything-proof jackets that make that funny "vvvffft, vvvffft" sound every time you take a stride. No thanks. Same goes for glow-in-the-dark pullovers.

But some of this kind of stuff is necessary for skiing and snowboarding, and a lot of it is available for rent at resorts, for those on a budget, or rookies trying skiing out.

Among the many hundreds of snowboard, ski, and other equipment hucksters are Sled Dogs (this is not a plug). The Sled Dogs infomercial, one of the high points of my holiday cable surfing (I don't watch TV at home), showed some rather cute young gentlemen and women engaging in sport with a strange hybrid of in-line skate and ski. They resemble clipped skis that act as shoes. An amusing segment in this infomercial included a prolonged segment of a cute guy being chased by a mad Rotweiler. Luckily, the guy escapes.

Since I like my knees the way they're built, I've avoided skiing since my first feeble attempts. I also know that in any sportive movement, despite our best efforts, gravity usually has the last word.

So don't wait for an in-depth ex-

periential story about skiing from this reporter, but do get out there if you are so inclined. Personally, I love nothing better than the smell of freshly manufactured snow.

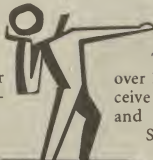
Skiers interested in downing the slopes with likable gays and lesbians and their friends are encouraged to call up SAGA North, San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian Ski Club, and make plans to join them in any of their upcoming adventures slopeward.

This downhill club has over 150 members, who receive a monthly newsletter and membership roster.

SAGArrians meet once at month at First Unitarian Church. Next meeting is February 2. Included in SAGA's events is their new program, Learn To Ski, specially made for the ski-impaired.

Upcoming trips include Kirkwood (Feb. 7-9), Park City, Utah (Feb. 21-25), Squaw Valley (Feb. 28-Mar. 2), Vail, Colorado, where Hollywood skis (Mar. 1-8), Heavenly (Mar. 21-23), and Sugar Bowl (April 4-6). SAGA's recent Northstar trip was a fabulous success. Could it have anything to do with the fact that Northstar is also the name of a popular openly gay comic book superhero? Now maybe I could get into skiing if I could wear tights like Northstar! ▼

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Women and HIV

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self-help and peer education programs within the walls, and emphasized that "community-based organizations can have a tremendous impact in supporting prisoners."

Kelly Knight, of the California Partners' Study and the HIV Prevention Project women's needle exchange, compared harm reduction philosophy and practices in a research setting and a community-based program, noting that research tends to put people in roles of "subject" and "expert." She emphasized the importance of not assuming how women think and feel about HIV, but rather meeting the needs that the women themselves identify. She noted that cultural taboos against discussing drug use — which may be even stronger than those against discussing sex and sexuality — can discourage women from being honest about their behaviors and needs. Within the harm reduction paradigm, it is important to acknowledge and support any positive change that a woman is able to make — for example, using condoms some of the time is an improvement over never using them at all.

Drug contracts

Catherine Lyons, a nurse practitioner at San Francisco General Hospital, emphasized that the early establishment of a positive patient/provider relationship forms the basis for harm reduction in a clinical setting. She noted that illicit and licit drugs are in and of themselves "neither good nor bad," and that the harm associated with drug use can be reduced without insisting that all drug use be stopped. Lyons discussed the problem of pain management in substance users, noting that providers' attempts to withhold appropriate pain medication may lead to manipulative drug-seeking behavior. Instead, she suggests that patients and providers jointly establish a "drug contract" that can help take the

patient's focus off worrying about whether they will get enough medication to control their pain.

Lyons stated that expectations for patients should be concerned with appropriate behavior (for example, non-violence), not drug use itself, and emphasized that abstinence should never be a criterion for care.

Robin Ortiz of the AIDS Health Project noted that the type of work some providers and community organizations have been doing for years is now being recognized as harm reduction. She related a story about her attempts to teach a woman patient how to shoot drugs safely in an effort to prevent further recurrences of endocarditis, a heart infection caused by injecting bacteria on the skin. The intervention was accepted only after Ortiz pointed out to her supervisor how much money the hospital could save in medical care by instructing the woman how to clean her skin with an alcohol wipe prior to injecting.

Other harm reduction interventions include teaching injectors about vein care and abscess management, about drug interactions and how to avoid overdoses, and about alternate routes of administration (for example, smoking heroin does not carry the risk of HIV transmission posed by injecting). Harm reductionists can assist users in gaining better control over when, where and how they use drugs so that they can "take care of business first." Ortiz passed along the distinction made by harm reduction pioneer Edith Springer that the "charity model" involves giving people everything they need and doing everything for them, while the harm reduction model involves helping people learn to do things for themselves.

Kershner concluded by acknowledging the real institutional barriers to harm reduction interventions — not least the prevailing zero-tolerance "war on drugs" mentality. She acknowledged the civil disobedience aspect of many early harm reduction efforts, and urged people to "do it anyway — do it surreptitiously." ▼

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Valentine's Day picket at E. Bay hospital

by Cynthia Laird

The AIDS clinic at Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro languishes in its cramped, crowded ground floor area. Something as basic as finding a private area for patients to review records or have time alone is difficult, especially on days the clinic space is shared with others. Calling clinic conditions deplorable, members of ACT UP/East Bay, along with 19 other organizations and concerned citizens, will picket the facility on Valentine's Day.

Activists maintain that hospital administrators have for the last three years promised a larger space for the AIDS clinic. Yet, the hospital's entire second floor is currently empty.

John Iversen of ACT UP/East

Bay said the only remodeling that has occurred took place late last year when Mike Smart, CEO of the Alameda County Medical Center (Fairmont and Highland Hospital in Oakland), decided to move his office to Fairmont Hospital. Offices in the administrative building were painted and carpeted; the payroll department was temporarily relocated miles away during the remodeling.

Reportedly, the clinic's space is poorly ventilated. Even worse, and potentially more of a health risk, the AIDS clinic shares space with the women's and prenatal clinics and shares the waiting room. ACT UP/East Bay members said that results in an increased possibility of spreading diseases such as tuberculosis or measles.

David Kears, director of healthcare for Alameda County,

told the B.A.R. that officials are working to locate space to expand the AIDS clinic. Ideally, he said, the three clinics would not share a waiting room, as people who have compromised immune systems are more susceptible to illness.

"We hope to have an answer by February 14," Kears said, referring to possible sites for the clinic.

Currently the Adult Immunology Clinic (AIC), as it's called, has 301 active patients, Iversen said. Many of those have multiple diagnoses such as mental health or substance abuse. The AIC was established in 1984, and is one of the oldest clinics treating people with HIV/AIDS in Alameda County.

And many of the patients are seriously ill. Despite the advent of combination antiviral therapy, new patients continue coming in with full-blown AIDS. Many of

them have never had treatment and need a full range of services, according to ACT UP/East Bay members.

Overlapping schedules

Projected visits for the 1996-97 fiscal year are 3,000 for adult immunology, 675 for the women's clinic, and 2,137 in the prenatal clinic. All three share the same space with the other two clinics. They cannot all operate all the days needed because of overlapping schedules.

As a result of inadequate space at the hospital, staff have a hard time meeting patient needs. Psychological and substance abuse counseling, services of a registered dietitian, acupuncture, clinical research, and patient education are all limited at Fairmont.

"They are really a dedicated

staff," Iversen said of the attempts to get donated equipment for the clinic. That equipment is sitting on the vacant second floor, Iversen added.

Among those joining ACT UP/East Bay in support for the picket are ACT UP/Golden Gate, the California Nurse's Association, Gays and Lesbians Organized for Betterment and Equality (GLOBE), Oakland City Council member John Russo, and Berkeley council members Kriss Worthington and Maudelle Shirek. ▼

The February 14 picket begins at noon at Building C of Fairmont Hospital, located at 15400 Foothill Blvd. People can call (510) 568-1680 to arrange pick up at the Bayfair BART Station or to get directions.

Levada

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with the ordinance," said Brown, who did not elaborate on the substance of his 20-minute meeting with Levada.

Levada's December 20 letter to Brown sparked a flurry of resignations by gay and straight individuals who had served on committees associated with the now-postponed Leland House celebration.

Bob Nelson, public policy director for Catholic Charities, told the B.A.R. that Leland House residents will move in as scheduled later this month.

'Not anti-gay'

Responding to a question at his news conference, Levada said, "I am not anti-gay. I recognize many Catholics of the city are gay or lesbian. They are welcome in our churches." Later, he again emphatically denied he is anti-gay.

It is Levada's belief that religiously-affiliated organizations such as Catholic Charities should be exempt from the law. Catholic Charities has been providing services to people in need for 90 years in San Francisco. It currently receives over \$5 million in annual contracts with the city and county for about 14 programs benefiting the needy people of the city, Levada said. Catholic Charities adds another \$3 million in non-government funds to carry out these services.

"These agencies are Catholic. Their internal operations are inspired by their religious mission, and consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church," Levada said at the news conference. "The problem... [is that] a newly-enacted ordinance asks church agencies to change their internal church policies by making domestic partnerships... equivalent

to marriage."

During the controversy, members of the Board of Supervisors have not indicated that the domestic partner ordinance should be modified to allow for exemptions. Brown has also said he's opposed to exemptions for anybody.

"We're holding firm, there will be no watering down [of the ordinance]," Supervisor Tom Ammi-ano told the B.A.R.

Ammiano, co-author of the ordinance, also commented on Levada's saying he's not anti-gay. "He represents that wing of the Catholic Church that has selective hearing. The issue is non-discrimination. He's trying to hide behind a religious organization. No discrimination can be allowed in terms of city contracts."

Possible solution

In an interview with the B.A.R., Leal said that the archbishop alluded to a possible solution in his statement.

The archbishop said he favors increasing benefits, especially health coverage, for anyone.

"I can be counted on to raise my voice in support of universal health coverage nationally and locally," the archbishop said at his news conference. "I feel sure I could make common cause with city officials in working toward this truly urgent need."

He went on to say he rejects the "notion that it discriminates against homosexual, or unmarried heterosexual, domestic partners if they do not receive the same benefits society has provided to married employees to help maintain their families."

"If it is a question of benefits, why should not blood relatives, or an elderly person, or a child who lives in the same household, enjoy these same benefits?" Levada said.

Leal said there may be a way to comply with the law. "We may

have a way for both of us [city and Catholic Charities] to reach the same result."

She acknowledged some people may be upset if a solution is reached, but to her, a larger issue is more important.

"I'm into providing equality in the workplace. If they don't want to use the words 'domestic partner' and want to substitute it with 'spousal equivalent,' it's okay," said Leal.

Katz, who's an attorney, said that in her opinion, any entity that offers broader coverage than the ordinance calls for would be in compliance. She believes there are ways everybody can be satisfied.

"I'm anxious to meet with the archbishop," said Katz.

Ammiano was more cautious in his support for this type of approach to working out a solution. He said he could support such a plan as long as children were not excluded, and it's in compliance with the ordinance.

Kaufman, the board president, received a letter from Levada last month in which the archbishop asked for her assistance in bringing his request to the board. Kaufman could not be reached for her comments on the letter.

Levada said he would have preferred that discussions be conducted personally so that the issue

would not take on the appearance of a confrontation.

"But sometimes, as in this case, the publicity pre-empts that possibility," he said. Levada also said he has been out of town and has not had an opportunity to respond to questions that arose about his request.

He also did not rule out a possible court battle over the matter, saying, "Any final decision to exclude Catholic charitable organizations from a fair opportunity to use government funds in their mission to the poor would deserve to be challenged both in the courts and in the court of public opinion." ▼

Lawsuit

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Two days after Hernandez was arrested on a public intoxication charge and returned to work to find employees gossiping about the arrest, he was hospitalized for acute stress-related disorders. After refusing to submit to a psychiatric exam by the city to return to work, Hernandez was fired.


Attorney Jeff Sloan of the prominent San Francisco law firm Sloan/Pratt, who represents Hernandez, says his client's treatment

is among "the most egregious violations of law that I've seen in an employment context."

In addition to the wrongful termination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy with respect to sexual orientation and HIV status, and other civil actions, the case charges that the City of Woodland violated Hernandez's constitutional rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"The case is in its early stages," Sloan said.

The City of Woodland was not available for comment on the lawsuit at press time. ▼



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an individual. Signed Michael J. Seltzer.
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St., San Francisco, CA 94103. Regis-
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ducted by an individual. Signed Joel Adlen.
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To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
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DO E. The applicants listed above are ap-
plying to the Department of Alcoholic Be-
verage Control to sell alcoholic beverages
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Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210709

The following person(s) are doing business
as THE KINSEY SICKS, 355 Arguello
Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94118: Irwin E.
Keller, 355 Arguello Blvd., San Francisco,
CA 94118: Jerome Friedman, 71 Prosper
Street, San Francisco, CA 94114: Maurice
Kelly, 4517 18th Street, San Francisco,
CA 94114. Registrant(s) commenced busi-
ness under the above fictitious business
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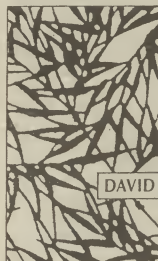
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210641

The following person(s) are doing business
as SAV-ON-FLOORS, 191 Duncan Street,
San Francisco, CA 94110: Mario E. Gar-
cia, 191 Duncan Street, San Francisco, CA
94110. Registrant(s) commenced business
under the above fictitious business name on
the date of 1/14/97. This business is con-
ducted by an individual. Signed Mario E.
Garcia. This statement was filed with the
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Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210594

The following person(s) are doing business
as 1. TIN-PAN RESTAURANT, 2. TIN-
PAN BISTRO, 3. TIN-BAN CAFE, 2251
Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94114:
2241 Market Street corporation LLC
(CA), 50 Toledo Way, San Francisco, CA
94123. Registrant(s) commenced business
under the above fictitious business name on
the date of N/A. This business is conducted
by a limited liability company. Signed Jeff
Ames, Principal Partner. This statement
was filed with the County Clerk of the City
and County of San Francisco, CA on Janu-
ary 13, 1997.
Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210564

The following person(s) are doing business
as GHISELLI PROPERTIES, 3737 Fill-
more St., San Francisco, CA 94123: Anne
Ghiselli, 791 Titust Dr., Incline Village,
NV 89450. Registrant(s) commenced busi-
ness under the above fictitious business
name on the date of N/A. This business is
conducted by an individual. Signed Anne
Ghiselli. This statement was filed with the

LEGAL NOTICES

ER: 4124 Mission St., San Francisco, CA
94112-1518: Michael J. Seltzer, 1191
Bowdoin St., San Francisco, CA 94134.
Registrant(s) commenced business under
the above fictitious business name on the
date of N/A. This business is conducted by
an individual. Signed Michael J. Seltzer.
This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of the City and County of San Fran-
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210440

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nership. Signed Irwin E. Keller. This state-
ment was filed with the County Clerk of the
City and County of San Francisco, CA on

January 16, 1997.
Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210797

The following person(s) are doing business
as ENTERTAINMENT SPORT ARTS,
2234 Judah St., San Francisco, CA
94122: Helen Klepatsky, 2234 Judah St.,
San Francisco, CA 94122. Registrant(s)
commenced business under the above fic-
titious business name on the date of Jan. 21,
1997. This business is conducted by an in-
dividual. Signed Klepatsky. This statement
was filed with the County Clerk of the City
and County of San Francisco, CA on Janu-
ary 21, 1997.
Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210847

The following person(s) are doing business
as TURNER BARETT, 2927 Moraga St.,
San Francisco, CA 94122: Jim Ferguson,
2928 Moraga St., San Francisco, CA
94122. Registrant(s) commenced business
under the above fictitious business name on
the date of Jan. 22, 1997. This business is
conducted by an individual. Signed Irwin
E. Keller. This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of the City and County of San
Francisco, CA on January 22, 1997.
Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 1997.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATE-

MENT FILE NO. 188357

The following person has abandoned the
use of the fictitious business known as
MASKS BY ROJO, 117 Lexington #3,
San Francisco, CA 94110.

The fictitious name referred to above was
filed in the County of San Francisco on
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Name and Address of registrant: ANDRES
H. ROJO, 117 Lexington #3, San Fran-
cisco, CA 94110. This business was con-
ducted by an individual.

Signed: ANDRES ROJO.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of San Francisco County on the San
Francisco County on the date January 15,

1997. Gregory W. Rojo, County Clerk
Recorder, by Keith Wong.

Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 211191

The following person(s) are doing business
as CITY GIFTS, 2744 Hyde St., San Fran-

cisco, CA 94109: Julio E. Herrera, 2391
Bryant St., San Francisco, CA 94110.
Registrant(s) commenced business under
the above fictitious business name on the
date of Feb. 3, 1997. This business is con-
ducted by an individual. Signed Julio E.
Herrera. This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of the City and County of San
Francisco, CA on February 3, 1997.
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 211098

The following person(s) are doing business
as D.C.H. PRODUCTIONS, 25 Noe St. #1,
San Francisco, CA 94114: Drew Christian
Holweyer, 25 Noe St. #1, San Francisco,
CA 94114. Registrant(s) commenced busi-
ness under the above fictitious business
name on the date of Jan. 30, 1997. This
business is conducted by an individual.
Signed Drew Holweyer. This statement was
filed with the County Clerk of the City and
County of San Francisco, CA on January
30, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 211000

The following person(s) are doing business
as MAIDENSTONE ENTERPRISES, 3845
Cesar Chavez St., San Francisco, CA
94131: Geoffrey King, 3845 Cesar Chavez
St., San Francisco, CA 94131: Jana King,
3845 Cesar Chavez St., San Francisco, CA
94131. Registrant(s) commenced business
under the above fictitious business name
on the date of N/A. This business is con-
ducted by a husband and wife. Signed Jana
King. This statement was filed with the
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Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 210907

The following person(s) are doing business
as GOLDEN TOUCH CLEANING SER-
VICES, 2390 Mission St., San Francisco,
CA 94110: Guiselle Mendieta, 80 Elling-
ton Ave., San Francisco, CA 94112. Regis-
trant(s) commenced business under the
above fictitious business name on the date
of Jan. 23, 1997. This business is con-
ducted by an individual. Signed Guiselle Men-
dieta. This statement was filed with the
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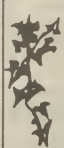
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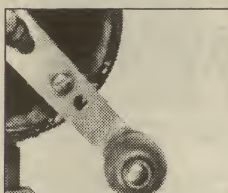
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Spectre-effects

SF writer Terry Castle triangulates with Noel Coward and Radclyffe Hall

by Stacey D'Erasmus

Terry Castle and I sit down to tea in the Castro. Not even tea. Soda for her, a smoothie for me, at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, a popular performance space in which I have to ask the nice young man with tusks in his nose if we might get a glass for Castle's soda. Josie's is empty on this lazy afternoon, except for a woman with Little Mermaid-length aqua hair having a tête-à-tête with a man in a dog collar; tonight's performance features Rob Nash in *12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Family, Part 3*. Castle, an English professor at Stanford, is the author of *The Apparitional Lesbian: Female Homosexuality and Modern Culture*, several scholarly works on 18th-century literature, a 1995 *London Review of Books* essay about Jane Austen's passionate bond to her sister that caused an international crisis, and, most recently, *Noel Coward & Radclyffe Hall: Kindred Spirits* (Columbia University Press; \$19.95), the occasion for our meeting.

The Apparitional Lesbian, published in 1993, is concerned with hauntings, literary and otherwise. "When it comes to lesbians," Castle writes, "many people have trouble seeing what's in front of them. The lesbian remains a kind of 'ghost effect' in the cinema world of modern life: elusive, vaporous, difficult to spot even when she is there, in plain view, mortal and magnificent, at the center of the screen." Elegant and idiosyncratic, this collection considers such figures as Sylvia Townsend Warner, Janet Flanner, Marie Antoinette (who evidently may have played the shepherdess in more ways than one), mezzo opera diva Brigitte Fassbaender, and a "hoodish" stone butch named Ed who swam at the same community pool where Castle took lessons as a child. It was a breakthrough book, both in its beautiful theory—which applies, endlessly—and, clearly, for Castle as a writer. Up from the 18th century, she was now somehow free to write lines like, "Ed, Ed, my first, my only undressing."

Three years later, the population of Castle's spirit world has grown. In the soigné *Kindred Spirits*, she finds that Noel Coward and Radclyffe Hall, who knew each other casually, profoundly haunted each other sartorially, thematically, and as much-loved, much-mocked characters in each other's work. Though his preferred mode was satire, hers melodrama, there was, between them, a kind of deep intertextual love, a secret conversa-

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Marc Geller



William Casey

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Christopher Isherwood Diaries, Volume One

by Roberto Friedman

Diaries, Volume 1: 1939-1960, edited by Katherine Bucknell; HarperCollins, \$40

Nineteen thirty-nine was a turning point not only for world history, but for British novelist Christopher Isherwood, who that year embarked with poet W.H. Auden for the States, where he would reside for the rest of his life. Paci-

fist, spiritualist, social animal, and homosexual, Isherwood was ready-made for California, where Los Angeles (which he deemed "the ugliest city on earth") would become his home.

Isherwood kept diaries as a discipline, and now the first volume of his unexpurgated *Diaries*, edited by Katherine Bucknell and covering the period 1939-1960, has been published. At 1,048 pages, with a lengthy introduction, footnotes, and a helpful glossary of names, chronology and index, the book is quite a bit to get through. It can be

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One of our well-placed Hollywood moles has been feeling awfully chatty lately. Seems a certain comedian whose last flick bombed big time (his initials are those of a Messianic prophet) is fast progressing from being a sweet and unassuming wit to an asshole of gargantuan proportions. According to our mole, Mr. Prima Donna's latest venture into self-indulgence involves the transporting of his **Great Dane** via Lear jet to the location of his latest shoot, some backwater down South. And that's not all. Apparently pooch was accompanied by several of the comedian's best friends, not because he wanted them to take a trip, mind you, but because Dumb Actor didn't want to go bowling by himself. You'll want to remember these tidbits the next time you plunk down \$7 to see a Hollywood movie.



Liz Taylor

Red ribbons for Liz

Another Hollywood source — no, not the **Dilly Avian One**, he's still holed up in Tegucigalpa with those nasty anal warts — called to tell us that the guest list for **Elizabeth Taylor's** big 65th birthday bash on February 16 is, rather like an anal wart, spreading in all directions. The black-tie gala — an AIDS benefit she calls "A Celebration of Life" — now boasts an improbable roster of luminaries that commingles trashy stars like **Roseanne**, **Michael Jackson**, **John Travolta** and **Ellen DeGeneres** with New York socialites like **Blaine Trump** and **Anne Bass**. **Mica Ertegun** is rumored to be on the guest list now, along with **Princess Diana**. This Procession of the Red Ribbons will be taped for a future broadcast.

Queer gadfly

We think New York scribe **Daniel Harris** should be on Liz's guest list, as, doubtless, he'd liven up her dreary confab. Harris, who

occasionally deigns to write for this rag, could perhaps entertain the crowd by reading excerpts from his forthcoming book, *The Rise and Fall of Gay Culture*, the galleys of which we've managed to get our hands on. We recommend for Liz's guests' reading pleasure the infamous chapter first published in *Harper's* several years ago, "The Kitschification of AIDS," in which Harris writes, "AIDS has become so thoroughly commercialized that the marketing of compassion now sustains a number of flourishing cottage industries," which, he argues, "testifies to the increasingly intimate alliance of commerce and death." This "playground for kitsch" has "eroded conventional portrayals of the disease in ways that suggest that, to a far greater extent than other illnesses, the current epidemic is intrinsically vulnerable to the abuse of yellow journalists, celebrities, New Age healers, pop psychologists, holistic chiropractors, and Hollywood producers — to name just a few of those who have transformed it into a trite melodrama, a cozy bedtime story narrated in a teary sing-song for the edification of the American public."

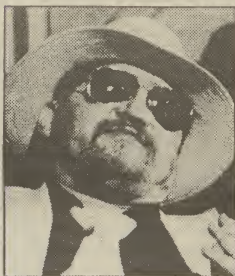
Liz's guests probably wouldn't care, but Harris' comments on AIDS kitsch reflect his book's central thesis, that homosexuals have been swallowed up by commercial interests and the trends they produce into a "single monolithic culture" that threatens to render useless

the weapons we've historically used to deal with oppression: camp and art. *The Rise and Fall of Gay Culture* hits bookstores in May '97.

A clown for all seasons

Oh, that incredible **Liza Minnelli**. Not only is she a singer and an actress but she's the daughter of eternal queer icon **Judy Garland**. But wait, what's this? Liza could neither sing nor dance while subbing for **Julie Andrews** last month in *Victor/Victoria*? Yes, we've all heard the stories by now: Liza's been flubbing lines, missing cues, dropping props, and generally being so incompetent that co-star **Tony Roberts** threatened to quit the show. Well, we're not surprised. We knew Liza was ready for retirement back in '70s when she made the ludicrously inane *Lucky Lady*. Oddly enough, the only other person who knew the truth about Liza at the time was that nasty toad **John Simon**, who, in the pages of *New York* magazine, shelved the head-in-

butt-routine long enough to memorably describe the apparition that is Judy's daughter: "Plain, ludicrously rather than pathetically plain. That turnip nose overhanging a forward-gaping mouth and hastily retreating chin, that bulbous cranium with eyes as big (and inexpressive) as saucers; those are the appurtenances of a clown — a funny clown, not even a sad clown."



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Fassbinder lives

There are other reasons to travel to New York this week besides seeing Liza self-destruct in *Victor/Victoria*. For instance, there's the **Fassbinder** retrospective at MoMA. One of our NY chums who's been attending the screenings says this is one of the most important film events of the decade, no overstatement considering the celebs who have been attending the screenings, everyone from **Martin Scorsese** and **Woody Allen** to **Molly Haskell** and **Ed Koch**. Yes, leave it to an iconoclast like Fassbinder to bring out the best and worst of New York.

Stargazing aside, the real at-

traction, our friend says, are the films themselves, several of which have never before been seen outside the late director's native Germany, including *Nora Helmer*, the filmmaker's own take on **Henrik Ibsen's** *The Doll's House*, in which the lead female protagonist doesn't leave home; and *Women in Love*, an adaptation of **Clare Boothe Luce's** comedy *The Women*. We do hope the Fassbinder retrospective travels to San Francisco, as the latter flick would certainly go over well at the Castro Theatre.

Sisters, brothers

Soiled minxes **Portia** and **Sophie Capplethwaite** were thinking about attending the Fassbinder retrospective themselves, but they've been too busy in SF crashing tony art openings and making fools of themselves. Their latest exercise in self-sabotage was at the Ansel Adams Gallery's recent opening for **Mike and Doug Starn's** photography-based, mixed-media show *Size of Earth*. No sooner were the two inside the gallery than Sophie, who is forever glomming on to art celebrities, began handing out her pathetic, food-encrusted cards to everyone in attendance. Not one to be upstaged, Portia responded by telling everyone within earshot about her new Ferragamo shoes and an unwholesome idea she has for a coffee-table photo book called *Slums*. People were appalled.

Still, despite the *bruit* terrible and the hideous spectacle of a too-ample body stuffed into a chartreuse, splitting-at-the-seams pantsuit (Sophie's get-up), the evening was a smash success. Lots of fab types were on hand, including art-team **Anthony Aziz** and **Sammy Cucher**, artists **J. John Priola** and **Catherine Wagner**, photographer **Dan Nicoletta**, *Examiner* art critic **David Bonetti** (in swank brown suede pants), and the very charming **Anne**

Pasternak, wife of one of the Starn brothers and director of Creative Time, an organization that sponsors public art programs in New York. Also on hand was artist **Margaret Crane**, whose collaborative effort with **Jon Winet**, *The Inaugural Ball*, is also on display at the gallery.

Portia and Sophie were a little less conspicuous at last Thursday's unveiling of New York artist **Glen Seator's** slightly bewildering *Approach* at the Capp Street Project. The assembled crowd was so various in colors, classes, ages and fashion sensibilities that the two sisters would have blended right in, were they not, alas, two of nature's least attractive creations. Easier on the eyes were **Rigo '97**, **Richard Pinegar**, **Billy Bragman's** boyfriend Eric, wily and witty **Hakeem Oseni**, writer **Jacques Servin** and many of the other fine young things who showed up in various forms of rapturous, elegant, sexy and dirty dishabille. ▼

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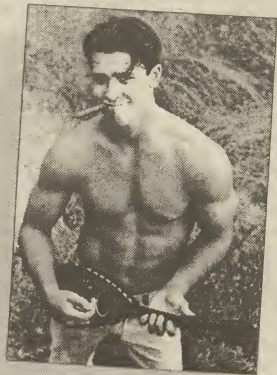
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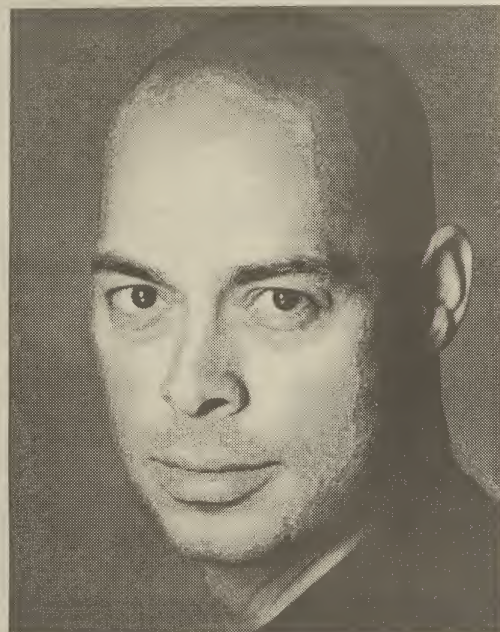
by Chad Jones

You know you're a playwright of consequence when the Cincinnati vice squad threatens to close down one of your shows. Brad Fraser can claim this distinction along with the title of Canada's preeminent gay playwright.

The play most closely associated with the 37-year-old Fraser at this point in his career is the lugubriously titled 1989 opus *Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love*, which was shortened to *Love and Human Remains* when the play was adapted for the screen in 1994. Both the play and the movie have found their way to San Francisco, but neither fared well with audiences. Though celebrated and award-bestrewn in cities around the world, from Calgary (where it premiered) to London to Sydney, Fraser's controversial play about a gay man whose best friend turns out to be a serial killer fell flat here as well as in New York and Chicago.

Local audiences will have another chance to see Fraser's work when his 1994 hit *Poor Superman* takes its West Coast bow this Saturday in a new Kaliyuga Arts production at the SOMAR Theatre.

Unfortunately, Fraser won't be escaping Toronto's ten-below-



Brad Fraser

zero weather to attend Saturday's opening. "San Francisco is not a favorite city of mine," Fraser says in a telephone interview from the frozen North. "I found it dirty and depressing, especially the gay areas. There was a desolation and a desperation to it all that I found off-putting. It had an end-of-the-world feel, like these people had run away as far as they could go. I know you're supposed to love San Francisco, but there are better cities."

Like most Canadians, Fraser admits to a certain ambivalence concerning the U.S., a place where it often seems like those with the

public decency in Ohio. Ultimately, the furor died down, though, and people even became surprisingly supportive. "The people of Cincinnati were terrific," Fraser recalls. "People sought me out and welcomed me. I think they wanted to make sure this wasn't the Mapplethorpe scandal all over again. In fact, one night after the show, two of the vice squad guys even stayed behind to tell me how much they liked the show."

'Fuck the theater'

Fraser says he became a writer the day he learned to write. Growing up in Edmonton, Alberta, he

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loudest voices and the least education get heard the most. "It's just not the same way in Canada," he claims. "We have total access to all things American, plus great access to what Europe — especially France and England — left us. We're less xenophobic and more willing to try different things."

Part of Fraser's ambivalence about the States might stem from the fact that his work has been less than warmly embraced here. When *Poor Superman*, the tale of a gay artist who becomes involved with a married café owner, premiered at Cincinnati's Ensemble Theatre in 1994, the vice squad was on hand because they had been alerted to the show's frontal nudity, blunt language, and simulated oral and anal sex, all of which, of course, is an affront to

attended a school for the performing arts and won a playwriting competition at age 16 and won again the next year, this time in the adult category. At 18, his first play was produced. Though he waited tables, worked retail, and served as a phone operator, his aspirations always involved writing. His evolution as an out gay artist happened slowly. "When my play *Wolfboy* was produced in 1982, it was hard to convince anyone I was straight," Fraser says. With strong gay content, *Wolfboy* successfully outed its playwright, if not the young star of the Toronto production, a then-unknown Keanu Reeves, and became Fraser's first big hit. After what Fraser describes as an "abysmal" production in Toronto, the playwright, grum-

THEATRE

Lifting his voice

Stanley E. Williams explores the true American aesthetic

by Deborah Peifer

A conversation with Stanley E. Williams, Lorraine Hansberry Theater's Artistic Director, is a lot like gazing into a finely woven tapestry of art, theater, and politics. Williams is a man schooled in the history of theater and African-American culture, one who takes his politics much more seriously than he takes himself. Now in its 16th season, the Lorraine Hansberry Theater, founded by Williams and his personal and professional partner, Quentin Easter, is, in Williams' words, "at that crossroads that every small organization eventually finds itself," when the people in charge must make bold decisions about the future.

Williams admits that when he and Easter started the theater, the idea that it might still be around 16 years later was not even contemplated. "Sixteen years seems like a lot of time," he says in an interview. "When we started, I didn't have a five-year plan, let alone a 20-year plan, but really, in terms of other arts organizations, 16 years is not very long. I see other organizations, and at 16, they're just on their way to becoming institutions."

No rube in the world of theater, Williams realizes that if LHT is to thrive as an institution that will mean changes for him as well as the audience. "The face of American theater has changed over the past 16 years," Williams explains. "And whether the dominant culture realizes it or not, theaters like Lorraine Hansberry are at the forefront of that change. So, if we want to make this an institution that lasts — something that will be around after I'm gone — we have to take responsibility and recognize that the kind of work we do has changed and will continue to do so."

As an institution, LHT can claim its rightful position as a leader because of its participation in what Williams calls our emerging "American aesthetic." "Theatres have become museums for the dominant culture," says Williams emphatically. "I have gone to quite a few and felt like I was watching white paint dry, and then when I turned around and looked at the audience, I realized that, indeed, I was! Yet, as the country grows, culture becomes increasingly important to different people for different reasons, and what America [develops as a response] is an aesthetic that is uniquely American."

"I'm not beating up on Europeans," he continues, "but I run an American theater, so I have to ask myself, Where does America start for me? Did it begin with the British bringing over music, novels and stories, or did it begin with what the slaves did — and did again — with a lot of that material?"

Questions about the American aesthetic — from whence it came, how it's to be developed, and by what forces and whom — have consistently been at the forefront of Williams' mind while programming LHT's seasons. "I'm not going to make this theater a museum. I want it to be a living thing, inclusive of everybody. It is natural for me to be inclusive," he explains. And to this end, Williams has produced works as

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Stanley E. Williams directs Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's *Lift Every Voice* series, which, this year, features entertainer Ruby Dee (above).

Williams photographed by Marc Geier

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'Sling Blade': intriguing but uneven

by Gary Morris

Retardation, like psychopathology, is one of those watersheds for serious actors. It's almost a given that any actor who aspires to greatness must play a character whose limited mental gifts don't prevent him from dramatically altering the lives of those around him, usually for the better. *Forrest Gump* provides a recent template for this type, and the intriguing if uneven *Sling Blade* gives us

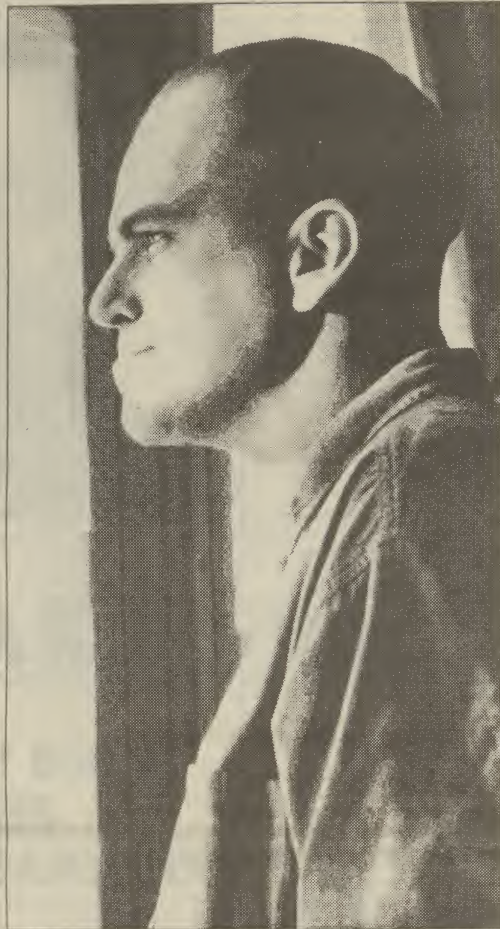
Gump's dark twin — the mildly retarded Karl (Billy Bob Thornton), who, at the film's opening, is being released from a state mental hospital after serving 25 years for murdering his mother and her lover.

The opening scenes take place in the hospital, where Karl sits mute while another inmate (J.T. Walsh) describes in lurid detail the various sex crimes that landed him where he is. Karl is more forthcoming in an interview with a high school newspaper girl. This is an arresting scene, shot largely

in one take, that is typical of the film's ambitions. Karl's conditions on the interview are exhaustive and impossible: no questions, the room in near-total darkness. But Karl does talk, and eventually responds to the girl's questions. He recites his "history," as he calls it, and what emerges is a picture of a confused little boy whose vicious fundamentalist parents forced him to retreat to an inner world that he only came out of long enough to commit murder. Now he's coming out of a similar inner world — the hospital that was his home during his adolescence and adult life.

Karl returns to his childhood hometown with no prospects. But, as with most such characters, he has one superior skill — fixing small engines — that helps him get a job as a mechanic. He meets a young boy, Frank Wheatley (Lucas Black), who suffers, as Karl did, at the hands of a tyrannical parent figure, Doyle (Dwight Yoakam), the abusive boyfriend of his mother Linda (Natalie Canerday). Frank and Karl become friends, and Karl eventually moves into the Wheatley's garage. As the friendship grows, he establishes himself as an indispensable force in the lives of the family that adopts him.

Karl is the film's moral center, replacing in Frank's eyes the father who killed himself, putting a vague protective wedge between the Wheatleys and Doyle, and even giving his (and thus the film's) approval of the town queen, the hypersensitive Vaughan (John Ritter). The three major adult males in the film — Karl, Doyle, and Vaughan — are all presented as potential but flawed father figures for Frank, but it's Karl who gives the nod to Vaughan when he says, "I reckon you don't have to go with women to be a good daddy to that boy."



Writer, director, star, Billy Bob Thornton.

reeks of '50s repression. He talks about "a certain other person" in hushed tones, and imagines that no one knows about his secret life, though everyone, including Doyle, gossips incessantly about it. His buffoonery, perhaps best characterized by a quasi-Mohawk hairdo he sports on an aging scalp, points to a lack of self-knowledge, which in turn reflects Karl's mysterious personality. The film acknowledges their similarity when Vaughan talks to Karl about the "hand we've been dealt in life — well, we're different." The comic kicker, typical of much of the film's ironic humor, comes when the misguided Vaughan tries to shock a rather blasé Karl by declaring, "I'm gay ... does that surprise you?"

Triple-threat Billy Bob Thornton (screenwriter, director, and

star) scores in his first directorial effort, as *Sling Blade* leaves a strong impression in a number of powerful set-pieces. (Watch for Robert Duvall's ghoulish bit as a demented, babbling recluse — Karl's father.) Thornton's ability to mingle black humor with serious, sometimes grim concerns pulls the film out of the realm of soap opera. The downside is that his characters, with the exception of Karl and Frank, tend to be "types," embodying a single characteristic, rather than being complex, believable people. Thus, Linda is far too sweet, Doyle is too much the total asshole, and Vaughan is just another ineffectual homosexual. ▼

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Salute, Walt Whitman by Duane Michals; Twin Palms, \$45

Photographer Duane Michals fancies himself a man of letters, and his latest book, *Salute, Walt Whitman*, is his most literary volume to date. It finds the 64-year-old Michals singing the praises of Whitman, that great granddaddy of queer art. *Salute* is a perfect union of concerns and sensibilities, as Michals, like Whitman, has consistently sought in his work to channel gay vision into more universal realms of romantic humanism. Michals has often spoken of his long-term interest in

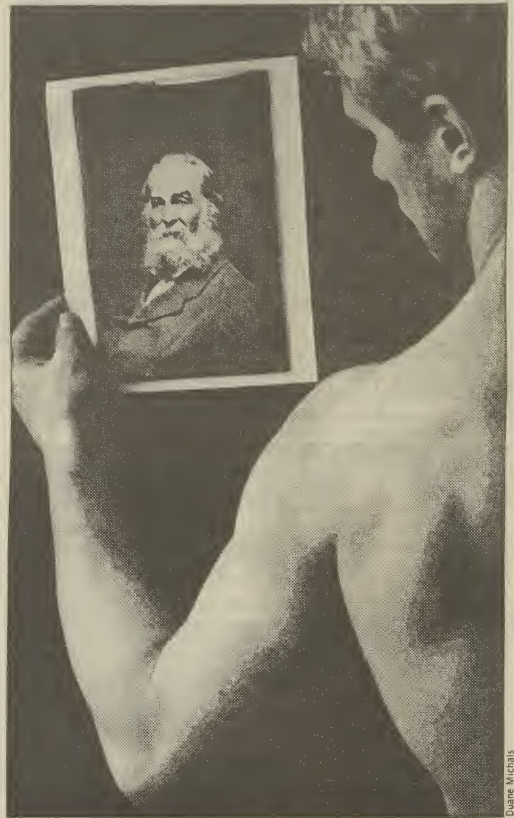
pher's upstate New York farm. Posed in bucolic country landscapes, he represents an innocent man at one with nature. According to the artist, this perpetually shirtless young buck is the type Whitman would have written about. Occasionally Michals even poses his swain next to a paunchy, white-whiskered Walt impersonator who lures him into the woods, presumably for a poetry lesson. Hubba, hubba.

Michals' work tends more toward subdued sensuality than sexual forthrightness. ("I'm not Mapplethorpe's kind or RuPaul's kind. I am Walt Whitman's kind," he said in a recent interview.) Which explains an image like the one in which his model reclines

peels down to his Speedo for a Thomas Eakins-style swimming hole dip. Later, he splashes nude in a pond, looking like a male siren luring men to slip into their natural instincts.

Michals softens the brawn with Whitman's words. In one sequence, the model naps in a field next to a freshly rolled bale of hay. His head is tucked into a cue card-sized Whitman notebook. The images seem like stills from a '50s art film and depict the scene from increasingly distant perspectives, eventually rendering the figure a small component of the country landscape. In another, the dozing boy is covered with autumn leaves, the notebook open to the word "adhesiveness." In the final picture of the series, he's disappeared, apparently blending into the compost heap.

Salute features only a few such serial pieces, the type of work for which Michals is best known, concentrating more on single-frame images, which are not his most successful. Michals' costume-drama style ode to Civil War soldiers is a misfire, but there are some decent pictures that commingle Whitman's words with human flesh. In one, Michals superimposes the title page of the 1855 edition of *Leaves of Grass* over the bare chest of his model, who just happens to be holding two clumps of grass. This fetching, if perhaps too literal, mix of text and torso helps cast Michals as a highbrow version of Whitmanesque fashion photographer Bruce Weber, a role better-suited to a tribute to Ralph Lauren. ▼



Cover image of *Salute, Walt Whitman*.

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Whitman, and in the frontispiece to this volume he even pens a little poem describing his affinity with the 19th-century poet: "I sing the songs Walt Whitman sang/They ring around my mind/I recognize his cosmic slang/I am Walt Whitman's kind."

Michals' reverent bow to Whitman consists of interpretive, illustrative pictures (all black and white) accompanied by a generous selection of Whitman's writing — along with some of Michals' own. For the purposes of this earthy photographic homage, Michals cast a wholesome "local kid" who lives near the photogra-

with a sprig of lilacs clutched between his lips, the words "Young men dream in the gardens of the dead, with flowers growing from their heads," wistfully written above the image. Elsewhere he photographs the lad pensively poring over a New York Times with headlines announcing JFK's assassination. Michals may be attempting some sort of cultural update here, but the picture seems more revealing of the artist's advancing age.

Beyond the visual metaphors, however, Michals clearly appreciates beefcake. In one series, his model, who is rarely fully clothed,

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read as a love story (Isherwood met 18-year-old Don Bachardy in 1953, and many of these pages chronicle their often tempestuous life together), a spiritual quest (Isherwood was a disciple of the Hindu monk Swami Prabhavananda), and a portrait of a time and place that will never come again (Hollywood society in the '40s and '50s).

Many famous names appear throughout—not only stars like Garbo and Chaplin, but intellectuals and thinkers like Aldous Huxley and Bertrand Russell. Expatriate life agrees with Isherwood: he loves America "because I don't belong. Because I'm not involved in its traditions, not born under the curse of its history." Refreshingly, he enjoys people for their interests, spiritual, literary or otherwise, not for how they look, how they dress, or who they know.

Isherwood was spiritually engaged, without pretension. For a time he lived as a monk with the Hindu Vedanta, but even after edging away from monastic vows of poverty, chastity and anonymity, he remained devoted to his guru, to the benefits of meditation, and to the practice of making *japam* (a Vedanta method involving the repetition of one's mantra).

So it's jarring to go from the monastery journals to his '48 jottings aboard ship on one of his returns to Europe: "The Pernod has run out, so we have to make do with cognac." Thus begins the record of a hedonistic spell that would last for years. On the Grand Tours, on jaunts to New York and London, celebrities of screen and page appear in increasingly glamorous settings: "Ten" [nessee] Williams (first described as a "strange boy, small, plump"), Gore [Vidal], John Gielgud, Wystan [Auden] and Chester Kallmann at Ischia... the parade of the famous and fabulous goes on for hundreds of pages. There's a marvelous anecdote of a drunken Dylan Thomas meeting Shelley Winters' breasts. Igor and Vera Stravinsky become dear friends and frequent visitors. Bachardy and Isherwood smoke kif with Paul Bowles in Tangier, only to have twitty paranoid reactions. Isherwood later experiments with mescaline, anticipating spiritual pay-offs, experiencing only disorientation and heightened perception.

Throughout periods of heavy

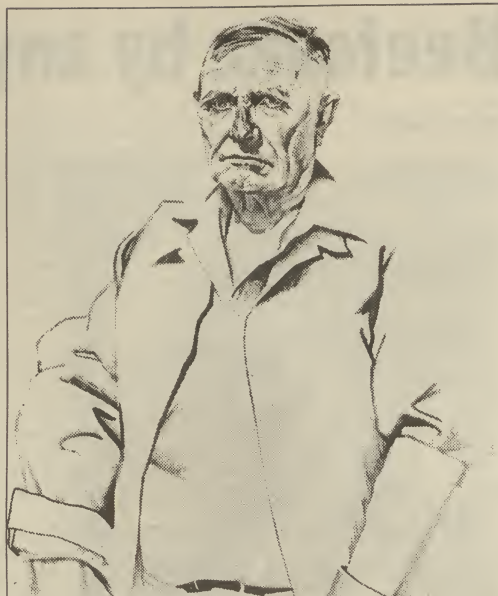


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Isherwood portrait by Don Bachardy.

drinking and promiscuity, these diaries serve as a confessional and a goad to higher pursuits. Isherwood tortures himself about making progress on his novels, as only an author with a reputation to uphold can. (During this period he produced *Prater Violet* and *Down There on a Visit*, but his best-known works, *The Last of Mr. Norris* and *Goodbye to Berlin*—the basis of *Cabaret*—were behind him.)

As always in diaries, one can't hide one's true nature. For all of his strivings for enlightenment, Isherwood is revealed as all too human, exhibiting petty grievances, long-held grudges, dollops of misogyny, the aging homosexual's terror of getting old and fat, and vestigial anti-Semitism (one too many "round-faced little Jew-boy" for this reviewer). Still, he is unfailingly honest, and mostly humane in his innermost thoughts.

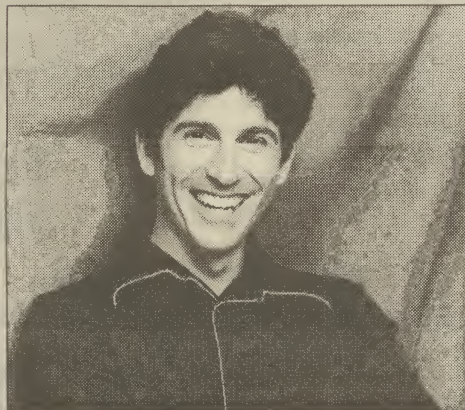
The transplanted Englishman

made good money writing for Hollywood, and entry upon entry record his anxieties about closing this or that deal with the studios. Apparently Bachardy, Isherwood's legatee, insisted upon the diaries being published in full. The number of repetitive or inconsequential (except to scholars) entries is thus quite high. The diaries really should have been edited down. Still, their publication is an important literary event. Isherwood's ruminations rank right up there with the Cheever journals and the Warhol diary, and has elements of both. But the voice, the life, its idiosyncratic mix of monastic ambition and gay Hollywood high life—all are unmistakably Christopher Isherwood. ▼

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Changes

by Linnea Due

Confessions of a Gender Defender by Randi Ettner, Ph.D.; Chicago Spectrum, \$14.95

True Selves by Mildred L. Brown and Chloe Ann Rounsley; Jossey-Bass, \$25

In a recent piece on gay marriage, *Windy City Times* editor Dan Perreten unleashed some venom via a parenthetical remark: "... transgender activists [claim] that gender itself is just a social construct, never mind the fairly clear physical differences between the sexes that most of us have no problem distinguishing. This argument holds that the rest of the world's very perception of reality must shift in order for this tiny minority to feel comfortable, wishful thinking of the highest order."

The people you'll meet in *Confessions of a Gender Defender* and *True Selves* are about as far from an activist army of Judith Butler-quoting clones as you can get. But

then, both books are written by clinicians, so the model here is medical, not social or political, not even psychosocial. Both are reminiscent of the '50s and '60s, when "good shrinks" interpreted "deviant" behavior to the public, which still, forty years later, prefers causatives like "hopelessly demented" or "self-will run riot" to "different genes for different folks." As did their elders, these latter-day saints are coming to tell us that transsexualism is not a choice.

From the title, I expected *Confessions of a Gender Defender* to be challenging and candid, a therapist confronting her own assumptions and training, perhaps on the order of Abraham Verghese's brilliant *My Own Country: A Doctor's Story*. But the only "confession" Randi Ettner makes is that once, while on a business trip, she had dinner with a man who is not her husband. *Confessions* reads as if it were slapped together during Rosie and Oprah commercial breaks: it's a

hodgepodge of material — letters from Ettner's patients, her letters to surgeons recommending sexual reassignment surgery, letters from her physician husband about her patients' medical problems — laced together by some of Ettner's own engaging writing. Too often, I found myself wondering why I was reading a lengthy epistle packed with information I already knew — and this in a book decidedly on the slim side.

Ettner does let her patients speak for themselves, though that "speaking," we should remember, is directed at the therapist who must give them a go-ahead to transition. This means that the patients' letters, while interesting examples of what one might write in that extreme circumstance, are formal and worked-over. Still, there is much fascinating material, particularly in how family,

friends, and workmates respond. I just wish that Ettner, who can write, had trusted herself to dig beneath her own skin and fulfill the promise of a great title. After all, the rigidities and fluidities of gender identity and expression impact everyone, not just the transgendered.

The mystery is to whom *Confessions* is directed. It's a quick read; its publicity trumpets that you can ramble through it in three hours. But because of its free-associative nature, Ettner mentions facts and names, like the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA) and its Standards of Care (SOC), without ever explaining why they're important. *Confessions* would raise a million unanswered questions from anyone debating his/her own gender identity or seeking sexual reas-

signment surgery, and the bibliography, with its learned papers from psychiatric journals and HBIGDA, doesn't help. Perhaps family members who don't want to know too much might find the book a solace, and you'd be performing a good deed to slide it between James Michener and Danielle Steel on the shelves of your local B&B. But mostly, I think Ettner wrote her book for members of the helping professions who don't want to appear as dim as Mr. Perreten. Call it TG Lite.

'True Selves'

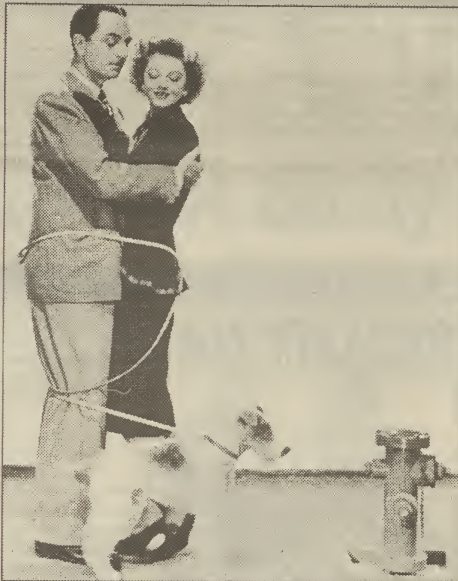
The authors of *True Selves*, clinical sexologist and therapist Mildred L. Brown and journalist Chloe Ann Rounsley, say what they hope their book will do: fill a gap by providing practical information about transsexualism to laypeople. In this it succeeds. After reading this book, the previously ignorant could attend a transgender support group and understand what people are talking about. In other words, this book teaches a language and gives the important place names on the map called Gender Dysphoria. What's vital to remember here is that the interpretation of both map and language comes from a therapist who plainly says that every therapeutic hurdle strewn in your path is for your own good.

In the first chapter, which defines terminology, the authors distinguish between transsexuals and

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FILM

Thin and fabulous



by Patrick D. Hoctel

Both William Powell and Myrna Loy labored in silents and early talkies — he often as a swarthy villain, she as an "exotic" — before really hitting their collective stride as Nick and Nora Charles in W.S. Van Dyke's 1934 film adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's novel, *The Thin Man*. The quip-trading Charleses, reportedly modeled on Hammett and his longtime companion, playwright Lillian Hellman, offered something a little different in the Depression-era '30s, a portrait of a thoroughly modern marriage that was at once loving, funny, effortlessly chic, and slightly risqué, especially when laced with martinis. The tremendous popularity of the film led to five sequels and Loy's honorary title of Queen of Hollywood.

Powell, who forever after was identified with the title character even though *The Thin Man* was actually that movie's first murder victim, was no stranger to the sleuthing game. Earlier, he'd played S.S. Van Dine's detective hero Philo Vance in four films, the best of which is Michael Curtiz's (*Casablanca*, *Mildred Pierce*) 1933 *The Kennel Murder Case*. The wealthy man-about-town dick was a perfect fit for the suave Powell and can be seen as a warm-up role for his later success as Nick Charles. Here, ably abetted by Mary Astor and Eugene Pallette, he's on the case of a death that many would like to see remain classified a suicide, although Vance has other ideas. The Scottie dog and Doberman that help him out do not an Asta make, however. ▼

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Queer Yiddishkeits on the move

by Wayne Hoffman

The revolution has begun, and gay men and lesbians are leading the battle. The revolution is the Jewish Cultural Revolution, and according to San Francisco-based *Davka* magazine, one of the major changes it has brought is the blossoming of "queer Yiddishkeit" — a gay perspective on Jewishness and Yiddish culture.

"Queer Yiddishkeit, to me, is the most significant development in Jewish culture today," says Alan Kaufman, editor-in-chief of the Jewish quarterly. "It's achieving *rapprochement*, linkage with a lost world of our community, the world of the pre-Holocaust, a world that was completely elimi-

nated. This group of exciting and talented people have found a way to make the dead live again and inform their own cultural activity."

Kaufman, a spoken-word poet, launched *Davka* a year ago with the aim of challenging the guarded inexpressiveness of the Jewish American press. A performance-based literary magazine, *Davka* includes photography and poetry, profiles and essays. However it's viewed in larger Jewish circles, everyone agrees that the one thing it isn't is boring.

What *Davka* lacks in breadth — circulation around 1,000 — it makes up for in depth. The array of poets, writers, artists, and celebrities is impressive and intriguing; in the current issue, it's also quite sexy. Porn goddess Annie Sprinkle and smut-peddler

Al Goldstein stand alongside playwright Tony Kushner and comedian Lenny Bruce. But more specifically than sex, it's queerness that's at issue for the most part. It's not a popular issue in the generally cautious Jewish media, but then "Davka" comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to do something despite being told not to do it."

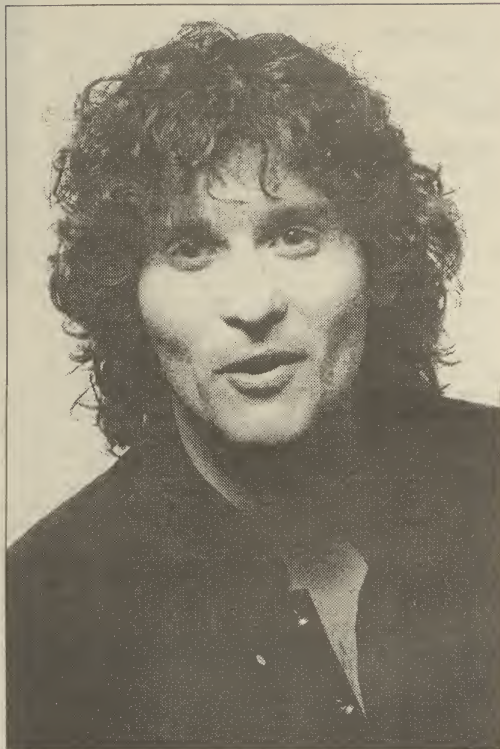
Reclaiming Yiddish culture has become increasingly popular among a certain segment of gay and lesbian Jews, most of whom are decades too young to remember its golden age. For some, it's a way to tap into Jewishness as an ethnicity without the trappings of Judaism as a religion; for others it's a way to re-connect to their history in a way that was often denied them as older generations shrugged off their difference in their struggles to assimilate.

"Speaking Yiddish is a way of expressing a Jewish identity that is secular, and it's also a language that most Ashkenazi Jews are going to regard with a great deal of affection because they've heard their grandparents speak it," says Victoria Stagg-Elliott, deputy editor of England's *New Moon*, a cutting-edge Jewish monthly. Stagg-Elliott, an American-born, twentysomething lesbian, sees why Yiddish may have a special appeal for gay men and lesbians.

"For a lot of people, it's a language their parents may have spoken but deliberately not taught to them," she says, "so it's a language of secrecy, which gay people know all about."

Gay Jews are hardly the only ones searching for new connections to Jewish culture, but Yiddishkeit seems to draw a disproportionately gay audience. Any quick survey of Yiddish language classes or klezmer musicians — playing traditional, jubilant-yet-melancholy, clarinet-driven, Yiddish music — will confirm this phenomenon.

"The people who are exploring Jewishness in interesting ways, I've noticed, tend to be gay," says Kaufman, who is straight. "Why is



Alan Kaufman, editor-in-chief of *Davka*.

that? Because of the outsider element. The consciousness that produced some of the finest developments in Jewish culture in the past came about under conditions of oppression, often through the celebration of one's otherness. I think that in America, we've totally lost touch with this. Those

among us who have not been allowed to forget that are gay."

Two elements are at work that brought queer Yiddishkeit to the fore: the larger Jewish community's assimilation, which results in the jettisoning of its most conspicuous cultural markers, and

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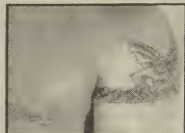
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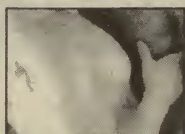
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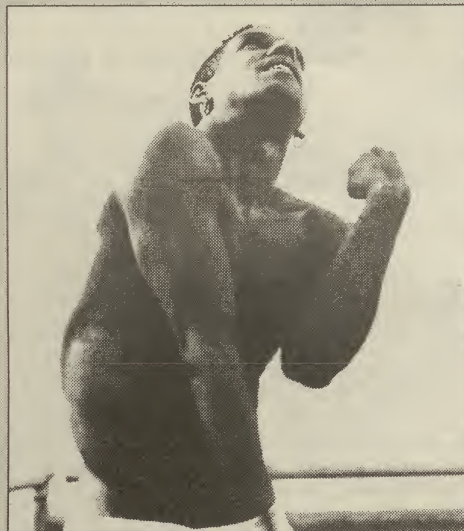


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BOOKS

Crazysexycool

by Patrick D. Hostel

Best Gay Erotica 1997 selected and introduced by Douglas Sadownick; edited by Richard Labonté; Cleis Press, \$14.95

Whenever an anthology dubs itself the "best" of anything, detractors start climbing out of the woodwork to dispute that claim, as the editors of the Men on Men series could testify. Happily, *Best Gay Erotica 1997* editors Labonté and Sadownick can rest easy that their new collection of 23 stories won't be facing many brickbats; it's an enjoyably eclectic work full of surprises that ranks near the top of the gay erotica heap.

Although there are a few tales that would be more at home in the back pages of *In Touch* or *Honcho*, where enormous mushroom-head cocks always perform both memorably and without fail, there's more than enough here to compensate for a couple rather hackneyed choices. For those who demand diversity in their diet, there's interracial sex, hustler sex, backroom sex, sex *al fresco*, superhero sex, Daddy-Boy sex, sex unto death, movie set sex, S&M branding sex and, yes, even sex with Satan. In other words, the proverbial something for everyone.

What really distinguishes *BGE* from its competitors, though, is the quality of the writing. Labonté and Sadownick have assembled a crew of writers, ranging from

performance artist Justin Chin to Leather Daddy Cornelius Conboy, from ex-porn star Scott O'Hara to literary light Kevin Killian, who know how to illuminate the vagaries of male-male attraction with humor, insight and a great deal of heat.

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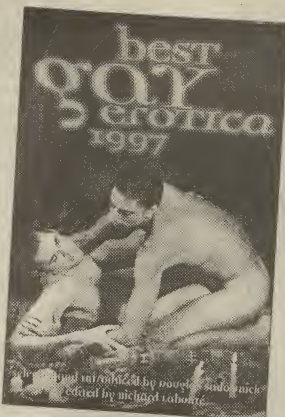
The anthology succeeds in other ways as well. Several stories ("Motherfuckers," "Steel Gray," "Southern Sheriff") pointedly feature condom use, yet manage to make the latex wonder a necessity and a sexy fetish item without being preachy. Also welcome is the book's decidedly West Coast slant, with San Francisco and LA as the prime locales for much of the action. And lovers of Latins (and perhaps vice versa) won't be disappointed, either; they're well-represented ("Scenes From a Sex Life," "Griffith Park Elegy," "Threads") and searingly portrayed.

Minus the aforementioned exceptions, the rest of *BGE* is well worth a look. Among the standouts in this volume are Pansy (of Betty and Pansy fame) Bradshaw's "Tricktych," with its inspired use of ellipses; Simon Sheppard's clever "Crescendo," an S&M seduction ritual set against the backdrop of Wagner's *Götterdämmerung* that's funny, thrilling and excruciating (if, like me, you have a dread of sharp objects), with a

nice twist at the end; Kevin Killian's disturbing, slightly surreal "Heat Wave"; Roberto Friedman's perky paean to exhibitionism, "Exhibitionist Memoir: An Excerpt"; Ken Butler's exploration of the silver fox syndrome, "Steel Gray"; Michael Patrick Spillers' achingly downbeat "Miserere"; and R.L. Kitzman's noirish "The Lady in the Hatbox," which would make a great David Lynch short.

If you're already in the mood, *Best Gay Erotica 1997* might well be the perfect complement to an evening of onanistic indulgence. If you're not, it might well be the perfect remedy for whatever ails you. ▼

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It's not candy

by Deborah Peifer

Best Lesbian Erotica 1997, selected and introduced by Jewelle Gomez; edited by Tristan Taormino; Cleis, \$14.95

I must have been out of town when Cleis Press declared sado-masochism the official form — nay, the sole extant form — of sexual expression for the lesbian nation. How else to explain the fact that the woefully named *Best Lesbian Erotica 1997* contains only sexuality bound up (pun intended) with pain, abuse and humiliation? Let me say that if an oversized dildo up the ass is your idea of a great time, you'll find plenty to enjoy in this collection.

I was looking forward to this anthology, and, in fact, had planned to read it one-handed. Unfortunately, I was entirely unaroused and unamused. I am sick to death of the current conflation of sado-masochism (no, not S&M, which sounds a little too much like a children's candy and not enough like what it is) with lesbian sexuality. Somehow those of us who think sex and violence are antithetical are labeled anti-sex. Now I confess to a great fondness for sex. In fact, with the possible exception of a well-written mystery or a perfectly turned-out chocolate soufflé, I'd have to say that nothing is better than sex. I will go further and say that although I feel only the greatest pity for masochists and sadists, I have



no intention of allowing these individuals to define what is or is not erotic for the rest of us.

So, Cleis Press, if you wish to publish a compilation of sado-masochistic writings, by all means do so, but have the courtesy please to label it as such. Had you called your current clutch of tales *Best Sadistic Erotica*, for example, I would not have had to waste a brain cell on it. And what of those women who aren't lucky enough to have a local bookstore that carries other lesbian titles? Judging by the title of this book alone, women whose tastes run away from sadism have no way of knowing what horrors await them. *Best Lesbian Erotica 1997* is neither erotic nor best. Frankly, if the only way to be a lesbian is to follow the stricture laid out in this sado-masochistic treasure-trove, I'd just as soon pass. ▼

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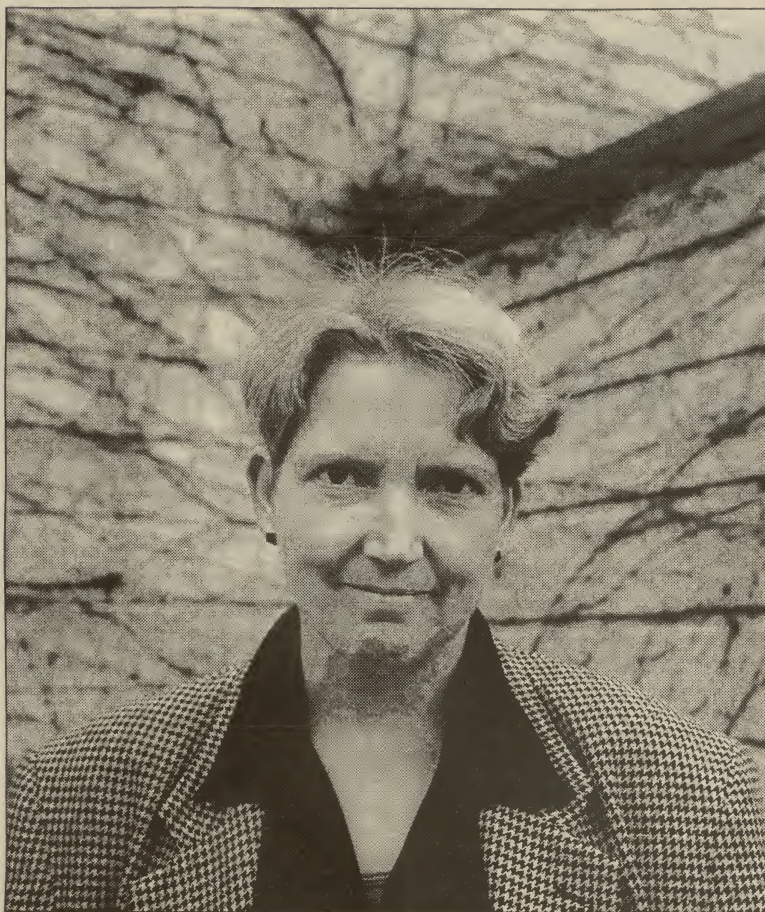
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Terry Castle: her spirit world has grown.

Terry Castle

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tion about life and art and the Uranian way. In *The Well of Loneliness*, Coward appears as Jonathan Brockett, the dandy and playwright who tries in vain to dissuade Stephen from going down as a martyr. Brockett stomps out of the book halfway through, disgusted. "He belongs in some other work," writes Castle — who admits she loves Hall in spite of herself — "*The Well of Sociability*, perhaps, or *The Well of Feeling Better*, or *The Well of Having a Good Time*."

Meanwhile, Hall pops up as muse, hero, and alter ego in Coward's work as well, most notably in the effervescent *Blithe Spirit*, which replicates, in its haunted triangle (a man, his current wife, and his dead wife as channeled by a medium), the famous, endless séances involving Radclyffe Hall, Una Troubridge (Hall's longtime companion), and the persistent Mabel "Ladye" Batten (Hall's dead ex-lover). Although the point for Una and Radclyffe (and Ladye) appears to have been that lesbians can successfully triangulate even beyond the grave, for Coward the spirit sessions, Castle argues, functioned as the dramatic escape scheme to a freer, more homosexual order. Coward's hero, divested in the end of both his wives, who are conveniently and queerly united in the hereafter, goes off to "enjoy myself as I've never enjoyed myself before." Mirrors, siblings, opposites, secret sharers — Coward and Hall illicitly imagined each other as the self who escapes the plot: his satires, her melodramas.

Back at Josie's, a fly lands in my smoothie as I ask Castle about love. She seems to me particularly gifted at the exploration of liminal loves, oblique loves that can't speak their own names because there isn't a name for them: the bonds between gay men and lesbians; the fondness between Austen and her sister ("I think a Californian can't possibly have a conception of how cold an English bedroom can be in midwinter," squeaked the alarmed curator of Austen's house to *Newsweek*); the devout three-way between two English spinsters and the spirit of Marie Antoinette; Castle's own passion for the voice of Brigitte Fassbaender ("Why this riot of fondness over one particular singer? The answer that first comes to mind is a simple one: low notes.")

Castle protests, "Well, it's not always so oblique," but then goes on to allow as how "so much of love takes place in the imagination. I mean, it can't be disconnected from imaginative impulses, or very seldom can I, at least. I shouldn't speak for other people." She's modest, friendly, has an unplaceable accent. Today is her birthday. The woman with the aqua hair and the man in the dog collar ascend the stair to the sound booth and turn up the David Bowie remix.

Shuttling, because of her parents' divorce, between England and America as a child, Castle early on developed what she calls her "spectralizing tendency" — lonely in America, she envisioned England; lonely in England, she envisioned America. "I got into the habit of feeling separate from the place where I actually was," she says. She has one much younger sister; her mother, whom she describes as "very camp," is a sometime painter who played Noel Coward songs and recordings of Beatrice Lillie singing

"There's a Fairie in the Bottom of My Garden." Come the late '70s, Castle found that she didn't want to help the other lesbians build a feminist commune in the woods. "I didn't go," she says, laughing heartily. "I was reading P.G. Wodehouse or something." Or, as she also puts it more soberly, "I diverged very quickly from the formations of the era."

But she diverged, as it were, toward convergence. "I'm a classic middle-of-the-roader," she says. "I like it when people try to meet each other halfway." Asked to speculate on the ways in which gay men and lesbians meet one another halfway today, Castle hesitates ("I mean, this sounds unbelievably sort of poncey"), then cites a mixed fundraiser she recently attended for the local early-music orchestra, Mark Morris's choreography, and a bar called The Town House that existed in Minneapolis in the '70s. "Everybody was there," she says with feeling.

Worldly is a word that often comes up in Castle's work; she tends toward the cosmopolitan, the inclusive, the urban rather than the pastoral vision of gay and lesbian life. Still, she says, "I've been criticized for being too open-armed about certain things. When I was reading a part of the new book in England, a man raised his hand and said, 'I think Noel Coward is a fucking shit! Why are you writing about him?' Then I got attacked by this lesbian who said, 'I don't want you to talk about Radclyffe Hall in relation to Noel Coward and other gay men of the time.' She wanted me to talk about Hall's butch style as coming from her own butch soul or something." Castle, Coward-like, throws up her hands at the thought.

And yet, chatting with her over the postmodern din, the sense of soul is strong. Hall and Coward, she offers, "represent the different sides of myself, in a way. He's the ironic person. She's the painfully sincere, the excruciatingly sincere person. Bringing them together is, for me, bringing parts of myself together, bringing my parents together again. Bringing England and America together again." When she talks about what has drawn her to this figure or that, Castle speaks of landscape: Elizabeth Bowen once lived in Hythe, a mile from a place Castle once lived; Hall once lived in Rye, about five miles down the coast from Bowen; near that same spot is Derek Jarman's Dungeness Garden. Figure and ground, past and present, the living and the dead, always walk together. Here in San Francisco, city of ghosts, that seems like realism.

The afternoon winds down; the woman with aqua hair and the man in the dog collar descend the stair and begin setting out chairs for the evening ahead. Perhaps one could say that Castle's souls are syncretic, jangled, transatlantic, reconstructed things, whole reflections of parts that may have never actually been unified in life. There are no pictures, as it turns out, of Hall and Coward together. You have to find their connection in their mutual resemblances, their mutual concerns, the images they made of each other. But once Castle adjusts the lens on the invisible — how could we have missed it? For there they are. ▼

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BOOKS

Erotic evangelist

by Daniel Harris

Dancing Around the Volcano: Freeing Our Erotic Lives: Decoding the Enigma of Gay Men and Sex, by Guy Kettelhack; Crown Publishers, Inc., \$25

The antithesis of the puritanical, Victorian view that sex is filthy and disgusting is the more modern but equally moralistic view that sex is nourishing and wholesome, that it provides a vehicle for self-discovery, offering access to those hidden, repressed selves buried beneath the stifling accretions of civilization. Guy Kettelhack's *Dancing Around the Volcano* is a rapturous and religious, if surprisingly well-written, evocation of the therapeutic value

of sex as the ultimate panacea of unhappiness, a way of tapping into our animal nature and thus resuming contact with the rapacious, chest-thumping primate within. As rhetorically unrestrained as D.H. Lawrence at his most tendentious and as deliriously romantic as Camille Paglia at her most turgid, Kettelhack is a kind of erotic evangelist who views sex as a solvent that strips away the pretenses and inhibiting conventions of polite society and releases the authentic self, the true self, the vulpine predator baying at the moon, the club-swinging Neanderthal who clobbers his prey and drags him back unconscious to his smoke-blackened lair.

This sentimental view assumes, however, that what goes

on in the bedroom and the sex club is a spontaneous, "primal" activity. And yet anyone with even a cursory knowledge of the highly contrived theater of contemporary gay sex, with its fifty-year-old daddies' boys, its stogie-smoking lumberjacks, and its pin-striped ad executives who moonlight as blood-smeared shamans, are fully aware that sex is one of the most affected of all human behaviors and thus an improbable instrument for recovering our animal authenticity.

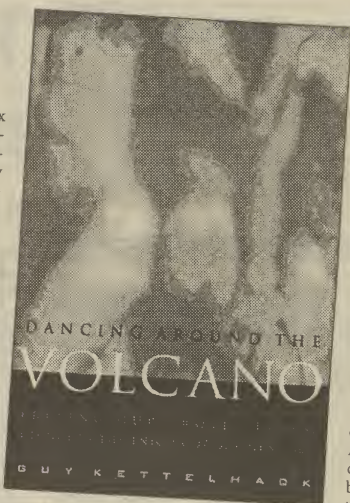
Kettelhack is also a proponent of the immensely popular belief that people are fractured compilations of different beings, from Dr. Jeckyll to Mr. Hyde, from the bitch goddess in four-inch spikes and laddered stockings to the battered slave in tit clamps and manacles. According to this splintered vision of the self, if we are to live fulfilled and integrated lives, we must devise safe "play spaces" in which we can express each of these contradictory personalities, living out our darkest fantasies while whimpering in slings, groveling in tubs of urine, and cowering before our master's hobnailed boots.

Although such ostensibly sex-positive writers as Kettelhack claim to be freeing the erotic forces of our personality, they in fact ensure that these forces remain sealed off from the real world of our professions and families, that they are safely confined

are described as pressure cookers on the verge of explosion, smoldering Mt. St. Helens ready to spew forth molten rock and fiery cinders. A central paradox lies at the heart of recent sex-positive literature: while authors like Kettelhack would seem to advocate the holistic integration of the internal self and the external body, they in fact exhibit overpowering feelings of contempt for the body, which is described as a hermetically sealed container full of volatile forces, an Aladdin's lamp that imprisons the self like a genie in a bottle. Those who espouse the new gospel of sex seldom seem to have much real fond-

ness for the flesh but ironically describe it, like the most tortured of self-flagellating mystics, as a necessary evil, the vessel that houses the soul, the dungeon in which the libido is held captive, detained under house arrest. The aim of the new sexologists is to "unleash" the sexual beast within, to free it from its prison in a body that, far from celebrating, they actually appear to despise, loathing it as fiercely as any Christian zealot who mortifies his flesh in hopes of casting off the chains of his mortality and achieving an incorporeal union with the divine. ▼

Daniel Harris's *The Rise and Fall of Gay Culture* will be published in May by Hyperion.



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cross-dressers like transvestites, drag queens, she-males, and gender benders, claiming that the motivation for transsexuals to cross-dress is not eroticism, exhibitionism, or fashion. Yet many members of Manhattan's ball society — fashion divas — take black market hormones and transition to female as adolescents. They don't call themselves transsexual, but by Brown and Rounsley's lights, are they drag queens? She-males? When access to — and advantage gained from — labels is limited by class and culture, when exceptions threaten to overshadow the rule, categories get shaky.

Besides, why try to carve sharp definitions from such blurry territory? Well, it's nice for the transgendered not to be invisible, but we can thank transgender pride groups, not therapists, for increasing public awareness — and much of that effort goes toward demonstrating the blurs, not the edges. Therapists, on the other hand, benefit from definitions by singling out a group to treat. The people in *True Selves* are called patients throughout, and according to Brown and Rounsley, they've got plenty to work on: "Various negative emotions, such as shame, fear, anger, guilt, and low self-esteem, are often their constant

companion and must be confronted and defused before progress can be made. Patients need to be stabilized psychologically and emotionally before they can make rational decisions about their lives and the future." Needless to say, Brown and Rounsley support the SOC guidelines, which dictate a lengthy interval and a therapist okay before each step of the transition process.

Both *True Selves* and *Confessions* concentrate on pre-transition and the very beginning stages, and neither says much about the seemingly peripheral factors (geographics, access to peer groups, age) that can alter one's journey, focusing instead on the more personal aspects of work, family, parents, and children. *True Selves* does make it clear that people's goals in transition can be markedly dissimilar. And Brown and Rounsley are to be commended for providing not only a useful bibliography but a twelve-page resource guide that lists support groups, hotlines, and web sites. Despite its textbookish prose, occasional eye-rollers ("Puberty is often an extremely difficult time for young people"), and enraging understanding-shrink point of view, *True Selves* manages to impart a lot of information. But it's still a relic. If you want to jet into the 21st century, try Loren Cameron's *Body Alchemy*. ▼

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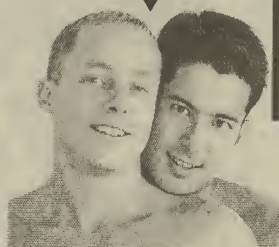
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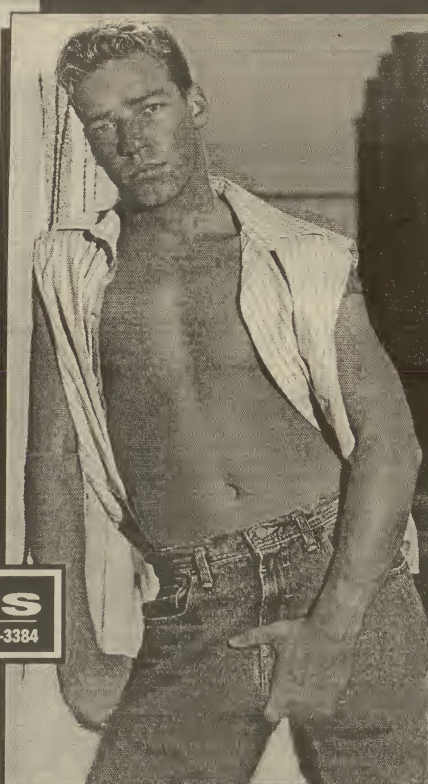
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by Erin Blackwell

Reel to Real: Race, Sex and Class at the Movies, by bell hooks; Routledge, \$16.95

The movies is where most people go to get away from their problems. They won't be pleased to learn that cultural critic bell hooks has been applying cutting-edge political analysis to what's supposed to be harmless popular entertainment. Too bad. Her new collection of essays, *Reel to Real*, offers fresh, provocative takes on many recent independent films.

The black Buddhist sex radical, professor of English by day, self-defined "passionate viewer of films" by night, is not out to spoil anybody's good time. Thinking and writing is just one way to make the cinematic pleasure last. In other words, this is intellectual entertainment at its best. Written from a subversive point of view off the beaten ideological path, none of the 20 pieces is ever predictably politically correct.

The book's dozen reviews include appreciations of *Leaving Las Vegas*, *Crooklyn*, *Girl 6* and *Exotica*, and dissections of *Paris is Burning*, *She's Gotta Have It*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Waiting to Exhale*, *Hoop Dreams* and *Kids*. Also included are interviews with filmmakers Wayne Wang, Camille Billops, and Arthur Jaffa in which hooks often does more talking than the putative interviewee. But who's complaining? Since we're basically getting to eavesdrop on fascinating discussions that seem to take

place around the ideal kitchen table.

As the subtitle *Race, Class and Sex at the Movies* indicates, hooks isn't a reviewer in the conventional sense, but an investigator of the socio-economic context into and out of which movies are born. One of the cultural clues hooks looks at is a work's critical and/or popular reception. Often it's her underdog feeling of disagreeing with everyone in the world that inspires her to go into print in the first place. As she explains in the essay "Whose Pussy Is This?: A Feminist Comment":

Before I see Spike Lee's film *She's Gotta Have It*, I hear about it. Folks tell me, "It's black, it's funny, it's something you don't want to miss." With all this talk, especially coming from black folks who don't usually go to the movies, I become reluctant, even suspicious. If everybody is liking it, even white folks, something has got to be wrong somewhere!

Hooks has no respect for persons or products, however hallowed they may be in the establishment or alternative press — or do I mean the alternative establishment press? One of her tricks is to play one identity-based view against another, applying feminist analysis to a black film or pointing out the racism of a gay film. Here's an extract from her dish of a landmark film nobody else would dare criticize:

Paris is Burning is a film that many audiences assume is inherently oppositional because of its



bell hooks

[black drag queen] subject matter and the [lesbian] identity of the filmmaker ... [Jennie] Livingston assumes a privileged location of "innocence." She is represented both in interviews and reviews as the tenderhearted, mild-mannered, virtuous white woman daring to venture into a contemporary "heart of darkness" to bring back knowledge of the natives.

Never dull, hooks provides an object lesson on how to think about what you've just sat through. Anyone who's ever felt they didn't see the same film as the critics — or their best friend — will appreciate her flying in the face of conventional wisdom with such courageous and well-grounded complaints. Even if you don't agree with her, you can relish the enthusiasm and intelligence with which she attacks her subject. Surely expending this much ink and critical acumen is the sign of a deep and abiding love of film. ▼

Williams

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far flung of each other as Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*, Lorraine Hansberry's *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black* and Roger G. Smith's biographical work about the life of pioneering black leader, statesman and journalist Frederick Douglass, *Frederick Douglass Now*. Other productions have ranged from such light-hearted heavies as *Sophisticated Lady* to heavier numbers, like Adrienne Kennedy's *Funny House of a Negro*, James Baldwin's *Amen*

Corner, and Langston Hughes' *Tambourines to Glory*.

Still, despite his ecumenical streak, Williams isn't about to wait quietly for the powers-that-be to notice African-Americans' contribution to the new aesthetic. "We are in the midst of a cultural revolution in this country. The country is taking its own path, defining itself, and that revolution is led, believe it or not, by black people and people of color." Hence, LHT will continue to explore "how black people factor into the American aesthetic" by showcasing the talents of African American playwrights and artists. This is one of the motivating factors behind the theater's *Lift Every Voice* series, an annual celebration of African American history, theater and art. (This year's guests include Ruby Dee, Danny Glover, and a tribute to African American poetry and the Oral Tradition, directed by Williams.)

Although Williams is particularly proud of his previous successes with the works of such established authors as James Baldwin (he's still working on a stage adaptation of Baldwin's *Giovanni's Room* for the stage), Ntozake Shange and August Wilson, he says he's always on the lookout for new writers. "I'm a director," so obviously I'm fascinated by words and by language. I'm glad that Ebonics is being mixed into the language — it gives it color and flavor. We are an oral people — I mean, we take our stories and combine them with rituals, so when I find a writer who can do that really well, I'm going to nur-

ture that writer."

That nurturing element is something Williams could have found useful when he rolled into San Francisco from Connecticut in the early '70s. The director says he remembers the overt racism of the gay community at the time. "The bouncers at the gay clubs had special rules for blacks. We had to have at least three forms of ID, and a birth certificate didn't count. That was how they kept us out." Williams delights in his gayness, but he worries that contemporary gay culture is too youth-oriented and too white. He would like to see all of us extend ourselves beyond any limiting categories, without denying for a moment who we are.

For some, that's a pretty utopian ideal for a theater director, a role that requires as much sensitivity to realism as to art. Big on both, however, Williams relates that he has no "illusions about what I'm doing. My first responsibility is to entertain, but if I can do that and move people at the same time, I'm getting more than I bargained for." It's a risk Williams is prepared to take. ▼

Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's 16th season continues with *Lift Every Voice*, a celebration of African-American history (featuring Ruby Dee, Danny Glover, and a tribute to African American poetry and the Oral Tradition), February 9-23. Call 474-8800 for reservations. The theater is located at 620 Sutter Street.

BOOKS

Fiction
101by Deborah
Peifer*Sweet Bitter Love* by
Rita Schiano; Rising
Tide, \$10.99

One of the first questions an actor learns to ask is "What keeps my character on stage? What compels me to remain in the scene?" And then, "What must I do to keep the other characters on stage with me?" I can't help thinking that these are useful questions for the fiction writer to ask as well. Why do my characters stay in these circumstances, with these particular people? And it's not enough for the character to be clueless. The author has to know why or we readers are left both to wonder and to be annoyed.

Jenny is a freelance editor who spends a lot of time at a local coffeehouse. Newly single, she spots the mysterious Susan and falls immediately in love. How immediately? Four sentences into their first conversation, Susan admits she is thinking of leaving her husband, and Jenny is offering assurances of quality listening and sympathetic understanding. But Susan is one of those stay-away-closer kind of gals, and Jenny is by turns hurt and confused, but always willing to come back for more. More sex, sure, but also for more tries at an amazingly unsatisfying relationship.

Oh, yeah. Jenny's father was an alcoholic, her brother is an alcoholic, and despite her time at Al-Anon meetings, Jenny is seemingly undisturbed by the fact that Susan is a raging alcoholic in serious denial about her drinking problems. Huh?

Rita Schiano repeats scenes, again and again and again, but because her characters learn nothing from the repetition, her readers gain no insight either. Schiano needs to work out those why-do-they-stay questions, and it couldn't hurt for her to develop characters that are more human and less like case studies from the Psych 101 textbook. *Sweet Bitter Love* is a weak first effort. ▼

Help
wanted

by Deborah Peifer

Feathering Your Nest by Gwen
Leonhard and Jennie Mast; Ris-
ing Tide, \$14.99

Oh, that relationship thing. With the possible exception of time spent wondering whether or not Ellen is coming out this season, my guess is that we lesbians spend more time on processing relationships than any other activity.

are so whiny. Actors are not a group of people I admire. Sure, there are some I love and work with often, but generally speaking, they're a bunch of stupid, lazy people getting away with doing as little as they can. I can't wait until they devise virtual people. I'll write the words, do the voices, and design the people.

A self-described "party pig," Fraser lives in the center of Toronto's gay neighborhood and is always hip to the buzz. He doesn't have a significant other, but "involvements that span the continents." He is considered a leader in Canada's gay community and is a staunch AIDS activist. "I'm an out political fag," he says. "I didn't start out that way. I used to call myself apolitical because I figured everything was fine. But I believe that if you're given a public profile, it comes with responsibility. As far as I'm concerned, I'm an equal member of this society. If I want to marry or adopt children or join the army, I should be able to. I don't just believe in gay rights. I believe in equal rights."

With a screenplay for Disney and a sitcom pilot for Fox (both unoptioned) under his belt, Fraser is currently hard at work on several new projects, including a quasi-sequel to *Poor Superman* as well as a musical version of Craig Russell's film *Outrageous*. He's also carrying on in one of his favorite capacities as an arbiter of Toronto society. "Everyone comes here and wants to be a success immediately," he says, "so they pretend they are. It's part of my duty to knock them down." ▼

Poor Superman opens Saturday at the SOMAR Theatre. Call 431-8423 for information.

It starts, I suspect, with the serious difficulty we have in determining whether the time spent together having food and perhaps seeing a movie constitutes a date. When we do determine that we're dating, the relief is so great that we have to celebrate by moving in together. The joke that a second lesbian date always involves a U-Haul is no joke at all.

In an effort to help us out with our plethora of relationship issues, Gwen Leonhard, M.Ed., and Jennie Mast, MSW, BCSW, created *Feathering Your Nest: An Interactive Workbook and Guide to a Loving Lesbian Relationship*. You see, you thought you just wanted to have fun, and here they are giving you homework.

FYN is a significant book. I know that because Jennie Mast says so in her foreword. "This book," she explains, "is long overdue, and I only wish that I had had such a wonderful tool years ago." I guess blowing your own horn in the foreword is an example of feeling good about yourself, an important topic that is covered in depth in the first two pages of the introduction. Myself, I would have found someone other than one of the authors to tell the reader just how good the book is, but perhaps they were unable to locate anyone willing to make such a statement publicly.

The rest of the book is filled with exercises and questionnaires that range from not useful and annoying to really not useful and really annoying. Imagine a *Redbook* or *McCall's* quiz with all female pronouns and you'll get a sense of the depth these gals are working toward. Add to that references to "psychological studies" that are neither defined nor identified (a footnote would have been so much trouble!) and a writing style that mixes perky and flat in a remarkably awful way, and you have a self-help book in serious need of a major overhaul. ▼

Yiddishkeits

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then the reclaiming and re-imagining of those markers by those Jews who have not — or can not — assimilate. Aside from the self-segregated ultra-Orthodox, who have never assimilated or totally lost touch with Yiddish culture, quite often it is gay men and lesbians who seek out this renewal of cultural ties to the buried Yiddish past.

"Queer people, or any minority within a minority, tend to be more introspective," says Sara Felder, a San Francisco solo theater artist whose performances often explore queer Yiddishkeit. "We have to look at each other a

forting to me because it is mine. It's about having a certain contemporary take on Yiddishkeit and claiming that."

Yiddish culture has a certain ironic sense of humor that is echoed in modern camp, making it ripe for appropriation by gay men and lesbians. It's reflected in everything from the self-mockery of clever wordplay to the critical discourse on personal relationships, sexual politics, and social roles displayed through purportedly innocent performance. It's even evident in the name of Felder's klezmer band, *Gay iz Mir*, a play on the Yiddish lament, "Vay iz Mir," meaning — although Yiddish never translates with quite the same impact — "woe is me."

Unearthing the past and rein-

Queer Yiddishkeit is a way to bridge the unfortunate cultural gaps that time, assimilation, and the Holocaust created.

bit more and in that way find out a bit more who we are and how we fit into this world, in the secular world as Jews and in the Jewish world as queer people. This is the burden and the blessing of being a so-called oppressed people."

Felder's performing ranges from juggling knives — in a commentary on circumcision — to playing in a queer klezmer band. For her, Yiddish is simultaneously a link to her ancestors and a unique place she can claim anew.

"Anything I do in Yiddish — and I perform in Yiddish — is a very queer, American, relatively young look at it, and it's not the Yiddishkeit that was existing in Eastern Europe or New York in the '20s and '30s," says Felder. "Queer Yiddishkeit is very com-

terpreting it for the present is a project that disturbs plenty of Yiddish cultural purists; Kaufman admits with a laugh that his own ancestors — including a great uncle who founded the legendary Yiddish newspaper, *Jewish Daily Forward* — are probably rolling over in their graves. But queer Yiddishkeit is a way to bridge the cultural gaps that time, assimilation, and the Holocaust created.

"I don't have to go back to the world of my grandparents as a ghost," says Felder. "I can go back as a contemporary Jew struggling with issues of contemporary Judaism, struggling with what it means to be a woman, a dyke in this culture. Queer Yiddishkeit is about having one foot firmly planted in this world, and one foot firmly planted in the other. ▼

Brad Fraser

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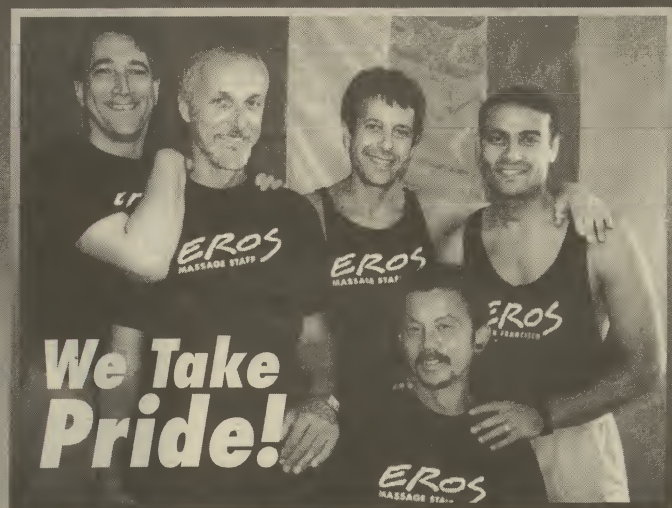
bling "fuck the theater," retreated from the big city to Edmonton.

"All of a sudden," Fraser remembers, "I started having all of these ideas for plays that broke the rules of conventional drama." He kept writing and slowly got back into the theater, first in the local fringe festivals and then full-time when he produced *Unidentified Human Remains*. "I knew I had found my voice," he says. "Up until then I had been influenced by Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, and Eugene O'Neill, but those are influences I've tried to rid my work of because in terms of structure and language, they are dead realism, the reason people don't go to the theater anymore."

Because he hasn't really found anyone who truly "gets" his work, Fraser often directs his own plays, which he describes as "idiosyncratic." His influences these days don't come from the theater, but from pop music, video technology, computers, advertising, film, comic books and television. "A lot of people who work in the theater live, breathe, eat and drink it," Fraser says. "This creates a closed environment that doesn't allow them to keep up with communication in the world around us, keeps them from being able to wrap their heads around the work I do."

Fraser's love of multimedia is matched only by his disdain for actors. "I was going to be an actor for a while, but I decided that there wasn't enough power there," Fraser explains. "In fact, being an actor is the most disempowering job in the world. That's why actors

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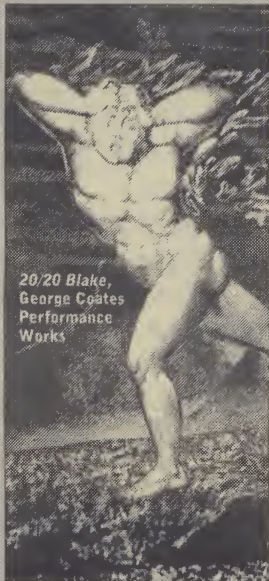
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20/20 Blake, George Coates Performance Works

Coates check

Boy, was I glad to hear that the run of George Coates Performance Works' latest multimedia spectacle, *20/20 Blake*, had been extended through the end of the month (Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m. through February 28). I had arranged seats for the first Saturday night performance last month and arrived at the theatre (110 McAllister; call 863-8520) just in time to see an ambulance pull up to the entrance. In the darkness of the pre-performance theatre, one of the leads had plummeted down a hole on the steeply raked performance area backstage, and the show had been canceled while his injuries were assessed.

Fortunately, the actor recovered, and Coates' musical theatre work, based on the words and images of visionary poet-artist William Blake, is back in business. Anyone who has seen a Coates production knows what to expect: sumptuous visual spectacle melding with musical pastiche and live performance for a viewing experience that's almost hallucinatory.

Blake turns out to be a good fit for the George Coates Performance Works company: the complex mixes of constantly changing projections, 3-D film and video, which together make up *20/20*'s spectral scenery, eerily recreate Blake's metaphysical world. The characters, portrayed by San Francisco Chamber Singers, seem to defy gravity as they "float," behind a scrim, through Blakean etchings and paintings. The score by Bay Area composer Adlai Alexander, with contributions from Todd Rundgren; the melodic phrases set to Blake's lyrics; the ingenious staging; and, above all, the visual splendor of artist Jon Rock's stereographic illusionary landscapes add up to a spectacle greater than the sum of its parts—in a word, opera. If there are any remaining tickets, you really should not miss it. ▼

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Angels in America

First Bay Area college production of Tony Kushner's drama. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 2/9. \$10. Diablo Valley College Perf. Arts Ctr., 321 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill. (510) 687-4445.

Arias & Other Dances

Contemporary dances choreographed by Enrico Labayen, performed by The LAB., Projekt Group. Fri.-Sun. at 8pm. \$10 advance, \$15 door. Brady St. Dance Ctr., 60 Brady. 267-7613.

Box Lunch

Lee DeLaria's new comedy and be-bop jazz cabaret show. Wed.-Sun. at 8pm, Fri. & Sat. also 10pm, thru 2/23. \$12. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

The Cryptogram

West Coast premiere of David Mamet's drama: disintegration of a marriage thru boy's eyes. Wed.-Sat. at 8:30pm, call for Sun. times, thru 2/9. \$17-21. Magic Theatre, Bldg. D, Fort Mason. 441-8822.

Daughters of Houdini

And the Egg Mistress present *Escape to the Grand Mam's Ballet and Boudoir*, a work-in-progress. \$5. 8:30pm. Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission. 554-0402.

Digitally Yours

"Comic Queries into the Future" written and performed by Karen Hirst and Margery Kreitman. Fri. & Sat. thru 3/1 at 8:30pm. \$10. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

Dyke TV

Benefits public access program for, by, and about lesbians. \$5. 8pm. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia. 824-3890.

En Drag

Female impersonators revue, hosted by Chablis. \$3. 2 drink min'm. 10&11:30pm. Kimo's, 1351 Polk. 885-4535.

Entertaining Mr. Sloane

Joe Orton's drama: brother and sister's rivalry for a young man's affections. Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm thru 2/23. \$14-16. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St. 621-4423.

Hold That Thought

Wildman juggler Frank Oliver in one-man comedy show about meditation. Thru Sun. at 8pm. \$10-12. Venue 9, 252 9th St. 626-2169.

Hurricane

Campo Santo presents World Premiere of Erin Cressida's play: the Bomb, fashion, AIDS, sanity under pressure. Wed.-Sun. thru 2/16 at 8pm. \$9-12. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom. 267-3956.

I Love Lezzy

Comedy revue laughs at love, lesbian style. Fri.-Sat. thru 2/15 + 2/16 at 8pm. \$10-15. Luna Sea Women's Performance Project, 2940 16th St., #216C. 863-2989.

MACT Rap Night

Men of All Colors Together discuss *A Question of Color*, free (donations). 7pm. Lone Star Saloon, 2nd fl., 1354 Harrison. 675-0201.

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Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet perform vamp a cappella. Thurs. & Fri. at 8pm, Sat. at 8&10pm, extended thru 2/14. \$16-20. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Slave

Teatro Bernicé and the Snopea Chamber Ensemble present expressionist opera based on Milos Forman's memoirs. Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 2/9. \$8-10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia. 626-3311.

Something Cloudy, Something Clear

Eastenders Repertory Co. presents Tennessee Williams' last play. Thurs.-Sat. thru 3/1 at 8pm. \$12-20. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa. (510) 841-6510.

20/20 Blake

George Coates Performance Works presents musical based on William Blake's *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*. \$14-34. Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 7pm extended thru 2/28. Performance Works, 110 McAllister. 392-4400.

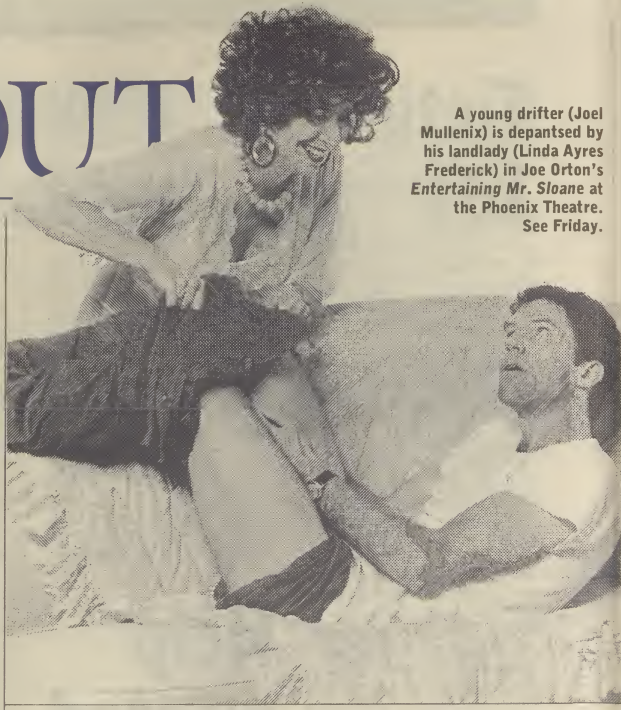
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Evening of Black Film

Chandra Redack presents film clips and commentary. \$10-25, benefits Women Count Network-SF. 7:30pm. New College, 777 Valencia. 626-4114.

Ivanov!

Very loose adaptation of Anton Chekhov's "play about



A young drifter (Joel Mullenix) is depantised by his landlady (Linda Ayres Frederick) in Joe Orton's *Entertaining Mr. Sloane* at the Phoenix Theatre. See Friday.

life before Prozac." Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 4pm thru 2/9. \$6-15. Grasshopper Palace, 333 Valencia, 4th fl. 267-6905.

The Stand-In

Keith Curran's satire on homophobia in movie biz, directed by Danny Schele. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3&7pm thru 2/8. \$12-18. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

Virgins and Other Myths

One-man play stars Andrew Nance: All-American sex-driven prostitute. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm thru 3/15. \$16-20. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Walk w/Grand Dukes and Duchesses

Past Grans Dukes and Duchesses perform, hosted by Colette LeGrande, Grand Duchess Tiger Lily. \$3 benefits Asian-American AIDS Found. Doors 8pm, show

9pm. Kimo's, 1351 Polk. 885-4535.

Word of Mouth

James Lecasne's solo performance. Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 5pm. Hoyt Theater, Osher Marin JCC, 200 N. San Pedro, San Rafael. 479-2000.

Sun

All God's Children

Video documentary on black church's embracing of African American lesbians and gay men, a PFLAG event, free. 3pm. St. Francis, 152 Church. 921-8850.

Antiques and Collectibles

300 dealers selling all types of collectibles, indoor flea market. \$2. 9:30am-5pm. Pier 29, Sansome at Embarcadero. 956-5316.

Aphrodite's Bazaar

And Flea Market: erotica, clothes, jewelry, adult toys, art. Benefits the sex professional association Cyprian Guild. 10am-5pm. 3543 18th St. 522-2910.

Baby Judy's

Dance club reopens, DJs Deena Davenport, Alvin A Go Go. \$3. 10pm-2am. Casanova, 527 Valencia.

GAWK

Gay Artists and Writers Collective seeks video editors, guitar players, music junkies and comedians. Meets Sun. at 3pm. Info: 731-2424.

Mecca

Salon presents members of Men of All Colors Together, free. Sign-up for open mike, 12:30pm; reading 1pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

Places in the Heart

Two selections from *Pieces of the Quilt*, by Tony Kushner and Craig Lucas; Johnny D's *Requiem for the Singing Nun* with Lisa Geduldig. \$10. 4pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Valentine's Beer Bust

Castro Lions Club present beer bust, "Search for Mr. Heart Throb" scavenger hunt, benefits community service groups. \$8. 3-6pm. SF Eagle, 398 12th St. 90-LIONS.

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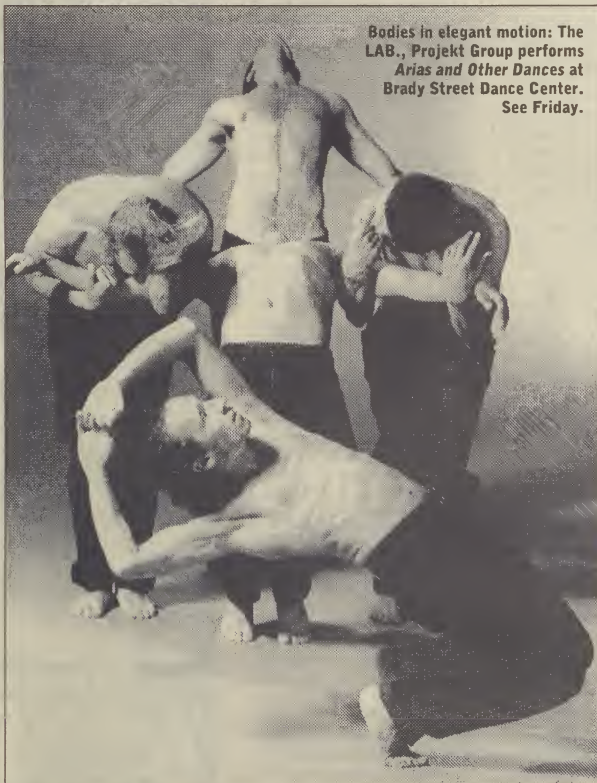
Hands-on rope workshop by Lou Duff. \$25, plus \$20 for rope if needed. 7pm. Castlebar. Call for info: 550-0122.

Cage & Coltrane

Modus Ensemble presents intimate video portraits of two musical giants named John. \$4-7. 7:30pm. Transmission Theatre, 314 11th St. 346-6456.

Don Bachardy

Reads from Christopher Isherwood's diaries, free. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.



Bodies in elegant motion: The LAB., Projekt Group performs *Arias and Other Dances* at Brady Street Dance Center. See Friday.

Forget-Me-Not

Assemblages by Jenna Evans combining photographs, found objects, and previously living creatures. Thru Feb. Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room, 579 Hayes. 864-7654.

Gay Comedy**Open Mike**

Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. MC Sabrina Matthews. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Preserving a Jewel:

"Costumes from the San Francisco Ballet" exhibit, free. Mon.-Fri., thru 3/28. Transamerica Pyramid lobby, 600 Montgomery. 983-4088.

Tues**Fiberotica**

Exhibition of 2- and 3-dimensional erotica expressed in fiber. Thru 3/15. Artfibers Gallery, 124 Sutter. 956-6319.

It's Only Rock & Roll

"Rock & Roll Currents In Contemporary Art" exhibition, Tues.-Sun. thru 2/16. Bedford Gallery, Dean Lesher Reg'l Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. (510) 295-1417.

Jim Grimsley

Reads from *My Drowning*, free. 7:30pm. Clean, Well-Lighted Place, 601 Van Ness. 441-6670.

Mark Burns

New collaged paintings, with ceramic sculpture by Mary Snowden. Thru 3/1. Braunstein/Quay Gallery, 250 Sutter. 392-5532.

Octavio Solis

Santos Y Santos playwright reads, with Jorge Cortinas. \$5-7. 8pm. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia. 626-2787.

Open Secrets

"Seventy Pictures on Paper, 1815 to the Present" exhibit includes photos by Diane Arbus, Walker Evans; art by Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol, more. Thru 3/1. Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary. 981-2661.

The Peale Family:

"Creation of an American Legacy, 1770-1870" exhibition. Wed.-Sun. thru 4/6. \$6. de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park. 863-3330.

QTV

Gay and lesbian program looks at African-American gays. Tues. at 7pm. Cable Channel 47. 956-1284.

Reconstructing**Califas:**

"New Roads in Chicano Art" exhibit. Tues.-Sat. thru 2/22. Galeria de la Raza, 2857 24th St. 826-8009.

SoMa Mardi Gras

4-bar beer bust. \$8. 6-10pm. Hole in the Wall (289 8th St.), Lone Star (1354 Harrison), My Place (1225 Folsom), Powerhouse (1347 Folsom).

Stomp

Unconventional percussion sensation. Tues.-Sun. thru 2/23, call for times. \$15-42.50. Tonight at 8pm. Golden Gate Theatre, Taylor at Market. 776-1999.

Women's Work

Amy Tobin, Joya Cory, and Susie Hara's play, story of a girl who. \$6-10. 8pm. Venue 9, 252 9th St. 626-2169.

Wed**Game Night**

Card and board games. Wed.



Wildman juggler Frank Olivier has his hands full in *Hold That Thought* at Venue 9. See Friday.

at 7:30pm. Muddy's Coffeehouse, 1304 Valencia. 679-3680.

Machinal

ACT's production of Sophie Treadwell's 1920s drama opens. Tues.-Sun. thru 3/9, call for times. Tonight at 8pm. \$9.50-47.50. Geary Theater, 415 Geary. 749-2228.

Marin's Funny Valentine

Mixer for gay and bi men: comedy, drag, games, free. 7:30pm. Aunt Ruby's, 815 W. Francisco, San Rafael.

My Bitter Valentine

Klubstute's 7th anniversary, late Diet Popstute's b'day, performers include Birdie Bob Watt, Leigh Crow, Trauma Flintstone, more. \$4-8, benefits David Jude's film project. 10pm. Chameleon, 853 Valencia. 331-1500 xDIET.

My Sucky Valentine

Erotica reading by Carol Queen, Bill Brent, Simon Sheppard, Michelle Tea, more, benefits SF Sex Info. \$5. Doors 7pm, show 8pm. DNA Lounge, 375 11th St. 995-2351.

Odyssey and the Ecstasy

Oil paintings by Diallo, reception tonight, 5pm. Thru 2/23, 4-7pm. Crucible Steel



Peter Greenaway's *John Cage* (pictured) screens with *The World According to John Coltrane* in Modus Ensemble's *Cage & Coltrane* evening at the Transmission Theatre. See Monday.

Gallery, 2050 Bryant. 641-1531.

Passion and Compassion

5 restaurants donate 10% of tonight's proceeds to Project Open Hand: Mecca (2029 Market); PlumpJack Cafe (3127 Fillmore); LuLu (816 Folsom); 2223 (2223 Market); Alta Plaza (2301 Fillmore). 447-2416.

Patriotism

Emerging and experimental artists depicting America: Dyke Action Machine, Jordy Jones, Dread Scott, more. Wed.-Sat. thru 2/15. The LAB, 2948 16th St. 864-8855.

Real World

Exhibition of nine artists who explore implications of scale. Thru 3/1. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom. 626-5416.

Size of Earth:

"Illuminated Photoworks by Doug and Mike Starn" exhibit, also "The Inaugural Ball: An Open Space Installation by Margaret Crane and Jon Winet," thru 3/16. \$5. Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250 4th St. 495-7000.

Trees of Life:

"Symbols of Fertility and Regeneration" exhibit. Wed.-Sun. thru 2/14. \$3. Mexican Museum, Bldg. D, Fort Mason Ctr. 441-0404.

Visual Aid Artists

Exhibition of six "Artists for AIDS Relief," thru 3/28. Saint Francis Hospital, 900 Hyde. 353-6650.

Thur**Approach**

Installation by Glen Seator: reproduction of front of bldg. Tues.-Sat. thru 3/22. Capp St. Project, 525 2nd St. 495-7101.

Big Ben's Bruisin' Bingo

"A Night for Mr. Marcus," benefits Inter Club Fund. \$15, discounts for all-black, all-red, or club colors. 6:30pm. Coming Home Hospice Bingo, 100 Diamond. 552-2127.

Bruce's World

"A Retrospective in Memory

of Bruce Walker," found photographs. With "Joachim Schmid, Taking Snapshots: Amateur Photography in Germany from 1900." Tues.-Sat. thru 3/15. SF Camerawork, 115 Natoma. 764-1001.

Celebrating Lou Harrison

Opening concert for four-day festival honoring composer. \$10. 8pm. Hellman Hall, SF Conservatory of Music, 1201 Ortega. 759-3475.

Codified Desire

Traveling exhibit curated by Rik Ritchey. Tues.-Sat. thru 3/1. Catharine Clark Gallery, 49 Geary. 399-1439.

Figures and Interiors

American realism exhibition. Mon.-Sat. thru 2/15. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post. 441-1138.

Medusa's Open Mic

Women's open mic spoken word. Thursdays, free. Sign-up, 7pm; show, 7:30pm. CoCo Club, 8th & Minna.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile

Steve Martin's comedy featuring the NY cast. Tues.-Sun., extended thru 3/30. Tonight at 8pm, call for times. \$25-38. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post. 433-9500.

Trafficking in Broken Hearts

Erotic drama about a hustler, a runaway, and a lawyer. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm thru 3/15. \$16-20. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

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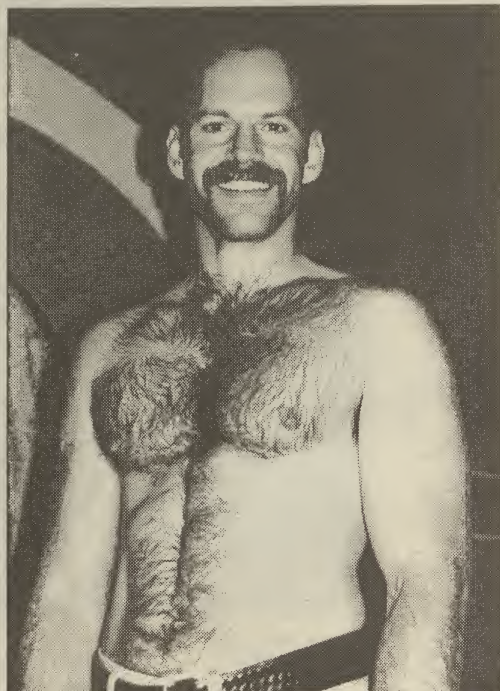
This is the month when hometown groups share the spotlight, and most of the action is geared to the South of Market crowd. Next weekend, Feb. 14-16, is the Inter-Club Fund's 31st Annual Motorcycle Awards. The following weekend, Feb. 21-24, Bears of San Francisco stage their annual International Bear Rendezvous '97, with the selection of International Mr. Bear '97. Speculation is rife as to who will succeed IMB '97 Steve Blanscet of Long Beach.

On Saturday night, Feb. 22, the Imperial Coronation of the 1997 emperor and empress of San Francisco will take place. It's an interesting mixture for February, and thousands of visitors will grace our turf to participate in the festivities. In conjunction with each event, there are a myriad of public and private parties by various groups, so if the winter blues are heavy on your mind, make plans to join in the merrymaking.

In 1966, San Francisco's Barbary Coasters Motorcycle Club created the Motorcycle Awards, an event that included Los Angeles and San Francisco clubs who honored their own for various club activities. It was a big, big weekend in San Francisco, with hundreds of men clad in their club overlays, and usually an SRO night, with emcees and presenters from both north and south — sometimes on a revolving stage. The awards ceremony itself was accompanied by both pre-awards and post-awards events, including the Motorcycle Field Meet put on by the Recons MC in the huge parking lot now occupied by Price-Costco on 10th and Harrison. A prettier sight has not been seen since, when hundreds of bikers went through various motorcycle competition categories on the paved lot.

When the Barbary Coasters decided to call it quits and dissolve the club, they gave the rights to produce the awards to the Inter-Club Fund. By this time, the Los Angeles bike clubs had decided to stage their own awards event, and now, the Motorcycle Awards are an in-town event, although some Southern California bikers attend our bike runs and are eligible for awards. This year's event also marks the 25th anniversary of ICE.

The 31st Annual Motorcycle



Bob Goldfarb of San Diego swooped into town and won the Mr. February 1998 spot on the SoMa Bare Chest Calendar at the Eagle last Thursday.

Awards take place on Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Russian Center (Sutter and Divisadero). The \$18 advance tickets (until Feb. 12) are available at the SF-Eagle, Daddy's Bar, Image Leather, Stompers Boots and at both Mr. S Leather stores. Tickets at the door are \$22. The doors open at 1800; the buffet will be served at 1830; and the awards program begins at 2000. There will, of course, be entertainment, a silent auction and a new Inter-Club pin dispensed to ticket buyers. For more info, call (415) 861-4547.

Immediately following the awards show, the GDIs present the Winners Circle champagne party at the SF-Eagle. The next day, Monday, Feb. 17 (Presidents' Day), the Golden Gate Guards host the Victory Brunch at Harvey's on Castro, 1100-1400, for a \$14 donation, which includes tax, tip and a beverage (adult or otherwise). Door prizes will also be awarded. It should be an interesting holiday weekend.

In their short existence, Bears of San Francisco have managed to contribute over \$35,000 and computer equipment to various agencies at the local, state and national level. This year's beneficiaries are the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center and the Asylum Project of the Intl. Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission. Most of the action begins on Thursday, Feb. 20, with a pre-event party at the Lone Star at 2100. On Friday, Feb. 21, it's a pub crawl from 2100-0200. You can meet all the Intl. Mr. Bear contestants that night at the SF-Eagle at 2300.

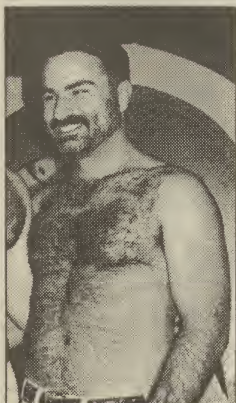
On Saturday, Feb. 22, there's an afternoon beer bust at the Eagle, 1500-1800, and non-weekend package registrants can buy in at the door. Later that night, it's the "Celebrate San Francisco" party at the Ramada's (Market and 8th) Crystal Ballroom, 2000-2400. On Sunday morning, Feb. 23, 1030-

1300, enjoy a brunch and auction at the Eagle; tickets are available at the door.

On Sunday night, the biggie of the weekend: the International Mr. Bear competition at the Gift Center at 2000. Tickets available at the door. Finally, on Monday, a farewell party will take place at the Lone Star Saloon. It promises to be a big, hairy, hunky weekend. Tickets for the "Celebrate San Francisco" party (\$10) and IMB (\$15) are available now at The Leather Zone, The Bear Store (367 9th St.) and at the BOSF Store at the Ramada on Market on Sat., Feb. 22, and Sun., Feb. 23, only. If you need more info, call the BOSF Hotline: (415) 541-5000 or e-mail: WWW.Q.COM/BOSF.

San Francisco, home of the Imperial Court system, will elect a new emperor and empress when citizens go to the polls on Saturday, Feb. 15. You can vote at the Embassy Lounge in the Tenderloin, Under One Roof on Upper Market or at the SF-Eagle in the leather zone. Voting hours at these places were not furnished at my deadline.

The crowned heads of state throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico will bring their entourages to be "presented" to outgoing Emperor Steve and Empress Cockatielia on Saturday night, Feb. 22, at the Gift Center. Tickets range from standby \$20 at the door to Mile High Club \$30, Flight Deck \$40 or Red Carpet \$50 — and are available by calling (415) 864-6672. The In-Town Show and awards presentations are at Club Bahia (1600 Market), 1900, 10, on Thursday, Feb. 20. The Council of Emperors celebrates its silver jubilee at 1700, on Friday, Feb. 21, at The Giraffe on Polk St. Later that night, the Out-of-Town Show is at the Emerald Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway (\$10) at 2100. The hospitality suite at the hotel is open from 1000 to 1400 on Saturday, Feb. 22. That same night, the doors open at 1700 at the Gift Center Pavilion (888



Edge bartender Phil D'Amico won the runner-up spot in the Mr. February 1998 BCC contest.

LEATHER SCENE

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Thursday, Feb. 6

The 15 Assn.'s Spanking and Paddling Beer Bust for the AIDS Emergency Fund at Daddy's, 2000-2300. Only \$7 and for a good cause!

Big Basket contest and beer bust at the Edge, with Danny Williams emceeing and The Old Bag judging. No details furnished, but check with Eric Weinmann for info.

Friday, Feb. 7

Golden Gate Guards beer bust at the SF-Eagle, 2000-2300, \$6. They'll be showing the videotape of their weekend run last year, featuring the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies.

Free and anonymous HIV testing upstairs at 933 Harrison, 2030-2330, by the AIDS Health Project and Blow Buddies. Take advantage of this service!

Saturday, Feb. 8

Leather Elegance Valentine Ball II at the Driftwood Lounge in Hayward by Yvonne, Rhadika and the ACLC. Advance tix are \$15, and Shan Carr will make a special appearance.

Defenders MC celebrates its third anniversary at the Loading Dock (1525 Mission), 1900-2100,

and introduces its new officers -- by invite in hand or your club overlay.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Search for Mr. Heart Throb, scavenger hunt and beer bust by the Castro Lions at the SF-Eagle, \$8, 1500-1800. This one should be fun!

Monday, Feb. 10

Lou Duff's "Hands on Rope" workshop, 1900-2200. It's Basic Bondage night. Call 550-0122 for location, cost and equipment required.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Mardi Gras party at Daddy's. See item in column.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Hot Ash Wednesday (now every month) kicks off at Greg's Ballroom in San Jose with beer bust and chili feed, featuring the Mr. South Bay Bear Cub contest.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Choosing Mr. March 1998 for the BCC at the SF-Eagle tonight at 2200. Win \$100, fame, perhaps a new husband?

Brannan) for the coronation. The cemetery trip to Colma is Sunday morning, Feb. 23, and then the Victory Brunch and another awards ceremony at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn follow at 1100. The only empress candidate I've seen South of Market is "Valentine," so I guess the rest of them don't want to campaign in the leather zones.

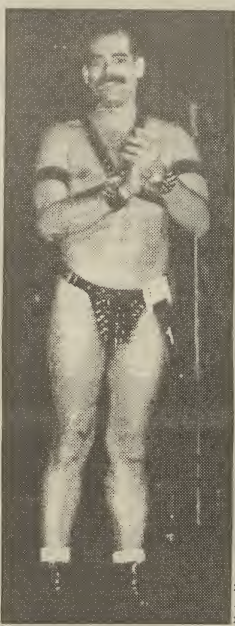
Mammoth mammaries

Another big turnout for the Bare Chest Calendar contest at the Eagle last Thursday night, Jan. 30. Judges Taurus Webster, Randy Wright and Tom Powers faced off with six contestants, and it was another laugh-filled interlude. The guys cavorted with the emcee, the judges and the audience.

When it was all over, a chesty dude from San Diego, Bob Goldfarb, snagged the top spot. An equally hunky bartender, the Edge's Phil D'Amico, took the runner-up position.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, the California Eagles Motorcycle Club celebrated its 13th anniversary with a huge crowd on the SF-Eagle patio. Anniversary pins were distributed to invited guests and other club members. A light buffet was available plus a scrumptious anniversary cake. Outgoing President Peter Haase gave a heartwarming farewell message and called for a moment of silence for departed club brothers after introducing the entire Cal Eagles membership.

I worked with Peter during his tenure as the corresponding secretary and two terms as president of his club. He was always dedi-



Mike Marrero of San Francisco was the sole West Coast contestant in the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather contest in Washington, D.C.

cated, caring and lived to ride with club brothers and sisters. Mr. Haase passed the presidential gavel to his successor, the new president of the Cal Eagles MC, Mike Lipsie. Mike then introduced the 1997 officers of the Cal

Eagles: VP Tim Johnson; Road Captain Art Murphy; Treasurer Bill Hollabaugh; Corresponding Secretary Ken Kalstein; Recording Secretary Ed Kleppinger; and Master-at-Arms Morris Lyons. It was a fun night with lots of out-of-town bike club members in attendance. I'll have photos for you next week!

Well, Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day are on the horizon, and celebrations will take place here in Faghdad by the Bay. Next Saturday, Feb. 8, Twisted Image Productions in San Jose will present a Leather Mardi Gras party at Buck's Saloon Stockade, 2000 to midnight, hosted by Bill Van Dyk, the Mesmerizing Miranda and Kevin Roche. It's only \$5, with beads, mask contest, prizes, carnival games, raffle and a Mardi Gras store to benefit the Billy De Frank Center Youth Programs and Women's Health Fund.

The next day, Sunday, Feb. 9, the Castro Lions host a Valentine's Beer Bust and search for Mr. Heart Throb at the Eagle, 1500-1800, plus a Scavenger Hunt to benefit the Lions' beneficiaries. The event will be emceed by SF Daddy IV Tom Rodgers, and for \$8, you get food, loving friends and a raffle.

On Monday, Feb. 11, Daddy's Bar celebrates Mardi Gras from 2000 until you drop, with the Dixieland Dykes+3 and music by David Kelsey and Doug Woods. The costume contest is at 2200, with \$100 for the first place and \$50 for second place. Lots of prizes, but the Grand Prize is a Daddy's Bar vest! Sounds like too much fun to me! ▼



Toothy trio (l to r): Former Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Dan Noel, 1997 winner Mike Siemers and Frank Nowicki in our nation's capital.

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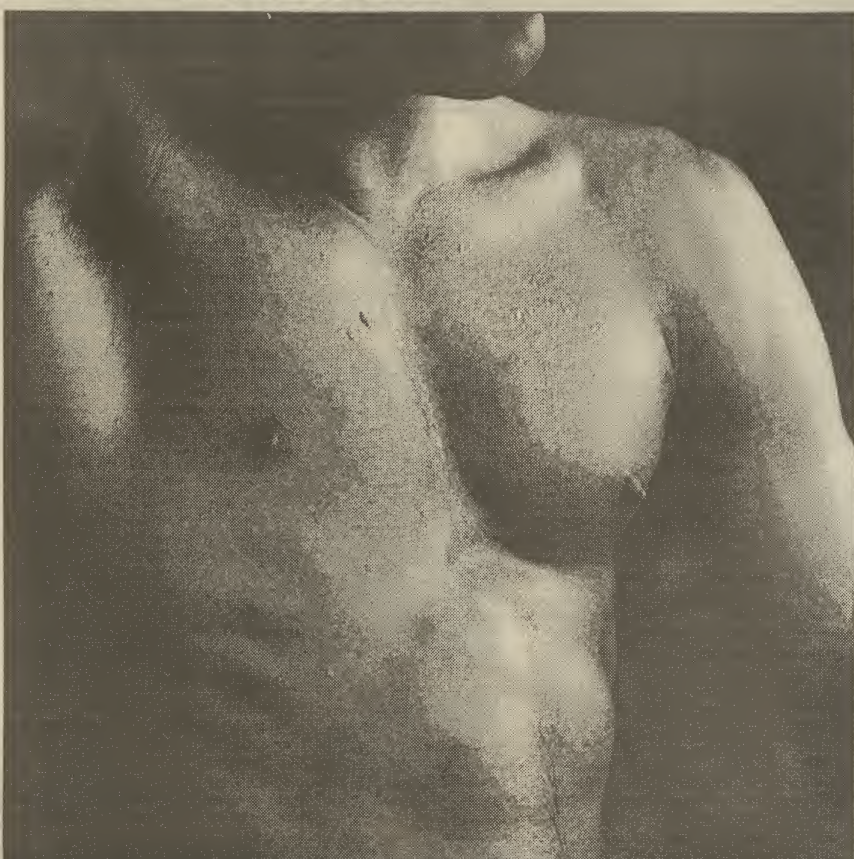
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Cathedral City Boys Club PS.
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Doug At Universe 1/4
After some hot body dancing you found us near the entrance. We talked, but didn't exchange numbers. Call for more good times. Paul & Steve. ☎ 4602.

Hi Paul, It's Lee
You were the sitter, I was in charge. Call me, let's talk, let's get together. You are really cute & cuddly. ☎ 4603.

Kabuki Sat Jan. 4, 9:30 AM
Enjoyed our conversation - day beds. You had an incredible body with a black panther tattoo on your bicep. The steam wasn't hot but I was. Massaged my butt for you. ☎ 4604.

End-Up Sun 1/12 Latin Guy
You: a cute Latin guy, saw you on the dance floor with your friend who has blond hair. We made a lot of eye contact before you left (by the bar) you said good-bye & so did I. Would like to meet you. Call. ☎ 4605.

Dining At The Metro
Fri. 1/10, 9:30 PM. You (tall, dark & handsome) were leaving with friend. I, GAM, seem to catch your eye. Please call. ☎ 4659.

Mountain Biker GG Park Fri 1/10
At Sunset. You: Leather backpack, maroon shorts. Me: Longhair, goatee, jeans. Too many people. Try again? Come on, check out my hot ass. ☎ 4701.

City Entertainment
Early AM 1/20/97, back left booth. You: 6'1", attractive, clean shaven, fit, well-groomed GWM, full brown hair. Me: same but 5'7". HIV+. Please forgive my hasty departure. Another chance as equals? Richard. ☎ 4801.

Guam Vs. Alabama
We met on the subway. You had a hurt ankle. We went for a drink at the Detour. We are both into photography. You changed my life forever! ☎ 4702.

My Place Friday Jan. 17
You: Maroon t-shirt, blue hanky right pocket, cock ring, deep throat. Me: Tall, bald, hairless body. We had a great time. Lets meet and do it again. ☎ 4703.

Streetlight Records 24th Street
Sunday 1/12, 1:15pm. You: Tall, dark, gorgeous. We said hello. Sorry I was so shy. Another chance? Please call. ☎ 4704.

SF County Clerk's Office 1/23
I asked for copies late, you were closing the office & had to let me in to pay the cashier. You seemed to like what you saw...so did I! ☎ 4802.

Steamworks 1/24
I'm leaving, you in door, I blew it! Paul, Lake Merced, call Mark in San Leandro-Neighbors! ☎ 4803.

1/24 F-Line AM
You: hot, handsome bear with great eyes! Me: admirer in green jacket with backpack. You sat across aisle, nodded, I smiled. Please call! I would love to meet. ☎ 4804.

Eros Sat 1/11 Versatile Man
With the powerful energy & hot hole. I want to slap it some more & have a rematch! ☎ 4805.

S Cook We Met Nov Sun SF Eagle
You celebrating birthday w/friends. I in tall black logger boots, you in chaps. I gave you my card. You called twice, no return number. I haven't forgotten you. Call again. ☎ 4806.

Self Destructive
On Folsom St. Jan. 21 at 3:30 PM. You blond, me not. We met, we talked...please contact me. ☎ 4807.

Stompers Boots Store 1/26
Me: buzzed head buying motorcycle boots. You: Two hot men in leather. We chatted briefly-maybe you'd like a closer look at my butt? ☎ 4856.

Eros 1/26
Locker next to me, you were dressing after a massage and were going home, instead you made a detour upstairs with me. Want to play some more? ☎ 4857.

1/19 Berkeley Steamworks #216
You D.R., 42yo, handsome, Italian, SF native, goatee, kissable & beautiful lips Lincoln high. Me: 44, GWM, bear type (Daryl) in Guerneville for awaiting your call to cuddle, kiss & more. ☎ 4858.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

ISO Daddy/Coach/Business Exec
GWM, 25, 6'2", 175#, bmrh! seeks GWM, 35-45ish. Must be masculine, athletic, professional, educated & capable of commitment/monogamy. NS/ND. Pluses: S&P hair, 6' plus, hairy chest. Interests include biking, rollerblading, & Glide on Sunday AM. Not into casual sex. ☎ 4606.

Silk And Nylons
Horny GBM Daddy, ISO GWM bottom in panties, panty-hose etc. UB: 50 yr +, bottom in bed & equal partner out. Me: 40's & hung. We: enjoy role playing. ☎ 4607.

HIV+ And Under 34
Prefer Latinos or Caucasians for friendship, maybe LTR. I'm Latin, 25, 5'7", 160#, versatile, attractive. Please be humorous, outgoing & NS. ☎ 4608.

Friendship To Relationship
Attractive Asian, 29, 5'6", 140#, medium features, clean shaven, softly smooth, mixed-core, oriental looks, HIV-. Seeking happy, friendly, healthy, muscular, men of any colors, over 25, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎ 4616.

Silver Terrace
GWM, 40, 180#, 6'4", br/gray, goatee. Interests: movies, flea markets, 2 step, walks on beach, ISO 25-45, w/sim interests. NS/ND, spiritual A+. ☎ 4615.

Wool! Great Dane Seeks Gorilla
GWM, 155#, 5'8", bld/blu, must., smooth, HIV+, healthy gdlgk seeks extremely hairy man to share warm meaningful times. Smoke, drink OK. H/Wt prop. Very sincere, smile. ☎ 4610.

Handsome Muscular Italian
38, 6'2", 185#, into fitness, travel, romance & quiet times, seeks another HIV-, extremely well hung man for monogamous relationship. ☎ 4609.

Ass Master Needed
With Sensitive, experienced hands to expand & explore the tight butt hole on this rock solid bodybuilder. ☎ 4611.

Russian River GWM
41, 5'9", 185#, blond/blue seeks masculine GWM, 25-50, for friendship, possible LTR. Clean & sober only. Christian is a plus. ☎ 4612.

Beauty
Is in the eye of the beholder. Skinny, middle aged man seeks hot muscle guy to worship. Are you out there? ☎ 4613.

Monogamous — Do You Dare?
GWM, 37, 5'11", 160#, bmr/blue, HIV+, top seeks GWM, 30-45, h/wt proportional NS, professional. Likes: movies, cuddling, romance, time with friends, good sense of humor. Looking for possible LTR. ☎ 4614.

Gourmet Cockucking
Sucking dick is one thing; sucking you off quite another! Big loads beat big dicks! My cockucking maximizes you load(s) irrespective of equipment. Feels better too! Regular service! ☎ 4617.

SJ Chinese Seeks Asians
GAM, 29, 5'4", 123#, smooth-skinned, gdlgk, seeks similar Asian guys especially who speak Mandarin for friends or more. Waiting for your call. ☎ 4618.

Attractive, Handsome, European
Seeks American (any race) for close relationship and sensual intimacy. Me: 28, boyish with sincere inner spirit. ☎ 4708.

GWM 41 Fit
Goodlooking, HIV-, like travel, reading, work outs, top & bottom. Seeks GWM, 25-50, fit, ND, I S&M OK, employed GWM for fun & poss. LTR. ☎ 4619.

SJ Leather Bear/Uniform Buddy
GWM, 38, 6'3", 220 lb., red beard, hairy, average equipment, versatile, professional, sophisticated, NS/ND seeks same for pawin', cuddlin' & hibernatin'; explore other scenes together. No one nighters. ☎ 4620.

Ski, Bike, Windsurf Buddy 4 LTR.
Sports-active, aggressive (non-fanatic), stable sweetheart looking to share adventures in and out the woods. Muscular, trim, attractive, 6', 170#, blond/blue, hung, versatile, HIV-, young 44. Very active with many interests. ☎ 4705.

Sex, Passion, Romance and ?
Attractive, athletic GWM, 46, nice body, HIV+, work out daily and bicycle on weekends. Want to meet athletic healthy HIV+ men under 40 for passionate romantic sex, possible LTR. ☎ 4706.

Setting-Scene:
Promenading in "cruise-control" seems cold, old. Need: You the night, the music. You: Handsome, 24-38yo sexy, eyes mirror soul. Me: Same plus a sensual delight-eventual love. Call me. ☎ 4707.

Cum Collar
Me: Professional, GWM, vgd Lkng, 5'8", hot smooth swimmer, 7.5 cut. Romantic vanilla to mod. BD, belt, toys. You: GWM, HIV+, hot, hairy, muscular, hung, bareback top, Griso, nasty, playroom, LTR. ☎ 4709.

Paternal
If you can empathize with a person who wants a father-son like relationship with a young & slender GWM call the GWM 6', 175#, 74. Hank. ☎ 4710.

Living On The Peninsula
There is life outside San Francisco. Me: GWM, 36yo, 5'9", 165#, Italian, blk hair, green eyes, blue collar guy looking for same. Into sports, old cars, cooking, fun. ☎ 4711.

Sexy Man Tired Of Dating
GWM, 43, well built, versatile, enthusiastic, & HIV- seeks WM 30-45. A handsome face & a firm ass means fun for both. You won't be disappointed. ☎ 4712.

Daddy Seeks Under 40 Son
Any man with a dick can be a father, but it takes a special person to be a Daddy. I'm a young looking-active mature GWM, 73, 5'8", 167. ☎ 4713.

Naked Adventure
Free sensual soothing massage for lean masculine guy 18 to 42 by trim masculine WM 40 in the City, East Bay, South Bay, or peninsula. ☎ 4717.

I Want A Boyfriend!
GWM, 6', 165#, extremely young 40's (I have to lie!) Goodlooking, slim-muscular, smooth. Looking for similar man, under 40. Asian/Hispanic a+. ☎ 4714.

Style and Sophistication
Chinese-American, 44, (look 34), 5'7", 140#, very handsome, built, looking for very handsome WM who is not intimidated by style and sophistication. Interests: Cultural arts. ☎ 4715.

Where Is Love
Cool, handsome, arty, GAM, 30, 6', 150#, clean-cut, unconventional, designer. Looking for Europeans w/ brown hair to date. You be under 35, employed and w/ style. ☎ 4716.

Seeking Effeminate GM
Masc, GLM, 39, 6', 150#, moderately hairy. Seeking effeminate-looking GM who enjoys lots of passionate kissing, affection & oral sex. Poss LTR with right person. Not into gay scene. ☎ 4808.

I'm Asian I Need A Boyfriend
Seeking GWM age 40 yr old to 50 yr old, clean shaven, sexy & funny person. I'm 40 yr old, 5'6", 140#, clean shaven & smooth. I'm Japanese. ☎ 4809.

I Dream In Black & White
Tender, passionate, handsome GWM seeks GBM for romantic adventure. I'm 40, tall, muscular, good-natured, outgoing, honest. Dreaming of a man with similar qualities. Let's talk. ☎ 4810.

GWM Looking For GAM
GWM, 28, 5'11", 175#, bmr/bm, in good shape, looking for relationship oriented, professional GAM, 27-35, who's like me: intelligent, fun-loving, into movies, working out, music, dining out, enjoying life. Serious only. ☎ 4811.

Eligible Taurus Ruckus
W/Sirius best friend, seeks generous domestic homie. Me: 5'11", 155#, buzzcut, goatee, green eyes, handsome, hung, masculine top. You: H/W proportionate, goodlooking, oral/bottom. Arrangement open relationship minded professional man. ☎ 4817.

Your Best Blow Job(s) Yet?
I trained to be your quintessential cocksucker because better techniques produce bigger loads to savor & swallow! Shoot me more than you even knew you had In you, kind sir? ☎ 4812.

Handsome Bearded GWM 43, 5'11"
155#, br/gr, HIV+, versatile bottom, oral & anal, gym/gyma toned, intelligent, fun loving. ISO versatile top. Prefer facial hair. Big, tall, hairy A+. For relationship or friend. ☎ 4813.

Handsome P0Z Italian Top
Seeks white or Latino HIV+ guys, 20-40. I'm 36, 6'2", 195#, nice shape with big heart & hands. I like massage, good books, good wine, and bad boys. ☎ 4814.

Quality GAM Seeks Quality Men
For dating & friendship. Possible LTR. Not into games & BS. Just plain honest, caring & matured friendship. Serious response only. Me: 37 yo, 5'8", 140 lbs. ☎ 4815.

Not Uma From "Cats & Dogs"
(I'm her friend Abby) GLM, 34, stocky, inexperienced, old-fashioned, hopeless romantic, enjoys travel, movies, dancing; seeks monogamous LTR. You: 28-40, NS/ND, sense of humor, easy going. No casual sex. ☎ 4816.

Ready To Go
GWM, 6'1", 180#, 43, looking for regular meetings. Open to almost everything. One on one or groups. I will try anything once. ☎ 4818.

Hot Asian Waiting For You
Seek for friendship and relationship. Well build, friendly with caring heart. Would bring you around 7 you were here. ☎ 4819.

Seeking Serious Submissive
Short, NS, semi-hairless leather boy into BD, 25-35, GWM, in-shape, no beard, clean-cut, into leather, toys, CBT, assplay, by goodlooking leather Asian guy, 6', 170#, muscular, LTR possible. ☎ 4820.

Sex Slave Companion
GWM, 52, 5'7", 150#, masculine top, HIV-, NS. You: need to suck, fuck, serve, belong between 25-40. Prefer quiet, serious, in-shape, HIV-, leather A+. ☎ 4821.

Country Boys
Party all week, come to the country on weekends. Be my quest if you're short, cute, 30-40, cute. I'm a catch; handsome, 40's, professional. ☎ 4822.

Handsome Sexy Man On A Hunt
I'm 37, 5'6", blue eyes, HIV-, very hot body, nice guy, down to earth. Seeking very cute guy in 30's to early 40's with nice body for fun & dating. ☎ 4823.

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Very Hairy Men Turn Me On
Latin & Mediterranean men are very sexy to me. I'm 30, 5'11", 180#, curly blond hair, blue eyes. You be sexy, easy going, passionate, masc for fun, pleasure, maybe more. ☎ 4621.

The Tongue Wants You!
Stick your hot butt in my face & get service you'll never forget. Me: hot GWM, 36, 6', 160#, long bushy mustache. You: hot & ready. ☎ 4622.

Sexy Submissive Boy
Late 20's, needs to submit to mature top daddy's heavy-handed discipline & stiff ass fucking. I'm a hot cock sucker & I want to be your bitch. ☎ 4623.

Hot Nasty Boys Only
UB, 25-35, GWM/GLM, good shape, clean shaven, ready to spread 'em, 4 talented hot hard top, 40, 5'6", 140#, with rock hard tool, long sessions A+. ☎ 4624.

Krakatoa? Vesuvius?
Mt. St. Helen? Mega-eruptions are an awesome sight! Shoot your personal best after incredible oral service from the local volcano maker. Specs: GWM/bottomless thru/ 6', 170#, 40's, goatee, hairy-challenged, smart & nice too. Leave your lava here. S 4625.

A1 Oral Service—Delivered
SF, GWM, HIV-, 6', handsome, delivers complete oral service to mature, trim guys who really dig getting sucked off. Your place. No reciprocity. HIV-. ☎ 4626.

Cute Hunky Asian
32, 5'9", 170#, muscular seeks goodlooking, hunky guys, 25-40, for safe fun (titplay, assplay, body contact, JO) men of color a plus. ☎ 4627.

Distinguished Mentor
Schoolmaster/artist, 5'4", 150#, silver hair, golden hands, black strap by which to command respect. You be HIV+, smart, musc, masc, hot, good humored, body hair, foreskin, penicula loc, pluses. ☎ 4628.

Goodlooking Daddy Seeks Boy
For SM, CBT, TT, discipline & affection, 6'1", 215#, 45, muscular, tattoos, leather. ☎ 4629.

May I Please Your Asshole
Masculine daddy, exc shape, 47, 6', 170#, with muscles & a big one wants to play with your ass with my fingers, fist, toys etc. You: to 35, cute, smooth butt, in shape. ☎ 4630.

I Wanna Suck Your Butt
Imagine yourself laying face down, spread eagled on my bed in total darkness with my tongue buried deep in your butt by a hot Italian, 43, 6', 190, S&P, beard. ☎ 4631.

Hot Hung & Horny
Goodlooking, Italian, 33, top, uncult, hairy, in shape, looking for casual playmates, 3-ways, under 40, SF only. Be in shape, looking for action & ready for a good time. ☎ 4632.

Seeking Horny Yng Guys To Eat!
18-22 yrs, small to med build, nice clean ass for my dining pleasure. Expert JO & oral services by GWM, 35, 5'10", 170#, brn short goatee, hairy, no recip nec. Shy inexperienced OK. ☎ 4633.

Calling All Cocks
BWM, HIV-, no STD's ISO GWM under 35, with buddies to give me a cum bath, pop my cherry & drill my butt. Into almost everything. Break this mustang! ☎ 4634.

Muscle Worship & Massages
For school athletes or bodybuilders, 18-24, WM, smooth, pro massage & JO machine, Videos, call Ricky! ☎ 4635.

"Fun Manhole"
Goodlooking man wants hungry hands to probe & pound my white, hot, inside flesh. Deep, long & sensual heavy butt play preferred. ☎ 4636.

Dominant Man
WM, 35, seeking submissive male for part time house slave position, age, looks, unimportant. Must be masculine & willing to serve on a regular (weekly) basis. ☎ 4637.

I Need A Hero
With a big, hairy dick to suck & sit on. brown-gray/blue, 43, 5'10", 150#. Educated, prof., interested? HIV+. ☎ 4638.

Heretofore Hetero Seeks Guide
55 yrs., WSM, 6'4", 230#, muscular & toned. Combo of Mr. Clean & E. Hemingway. Curious, sensuous removable teeth. Your place, N. Bay. No angst but anxious & eager. ☎ 4639.

Seattle Musclemar Needs Hosts
30yo, 6', 210#, muscular, masculine, handsome & intelligent, blond jock moving to SF. Visiting SF in February & periodically afterwards until job found. Needs friends, fun, & inexpensive lodging. ☎ 4640.

Muscular Pec Fanatic
Masculine, muscular, goodlooking, 40, 5'8", 170#, seeks muscled, developed pecs for mutual intense serving, punching, powerful sucking. Age, race, looks, unimportant. Muscular pecs a must. ☎ 4641.

GWM 60's Bearded
Wants to worship your black body & spirit. ☎ 4642.

Bad Boy
Rd slim, yng, construction worker type, blue collar? Don't relate to gay life, but would like time with easy going masc, closeted GWM, 50's, heavy set. Likes butt/versatile? ☎ 4643.

Hot Bottom W/Tight Ass
Cute WM, 56yo, 5'2", brn/blue, 115#, with hairy, little ass. HIV-, horny!! Seeks hung tops who love to fuck. LTR possible. ☎ 4644.

Italian Guys!!!
I'm the guy who knows what the Italian male really wants. ☎ 4645.

Hung Guys Wanted!
I'm looking for guys who are hung "y" and over for fun & good times. ☎ 4646.

Afternoon Sex Buddy Wanted
Ass massage-erotic spanking. Spanking will stimulate nerve endings you never knew you had. Me: Attract top, 46, 6'5", 250#, husky build. You: Attract, GWM, 18-35, slim, smooth/mod body hair, nice buns. ☎ 4718.

Oral Worship
Are yo 8" or more? Sit back and relax as I stroke you and service you. Smooth and slim a +. Me: GWM, 41. ☎ 4719.

Cock feeders Wanted
Energetic Bi WM oral bottom. Be HIV- str8, bi, married a plus. You supply raw material. I'll deliver results. Discreet. North Bay. Can travel. ☎ 4720

Let's Rub Fur
Very hairy cub, stache, 40, 5'10", 180#, HIV-, seeks hairy bear playmate 30-50. Fun and games, possible more. I'm friendly, versatile (Vanilla to Kinky) seeks similar. ☎ 4721.

Let's Wrestle
Muscular, handsome, GWM, seeks others turned on by wrestling. Open to all skill levels & fantasies. No heavy rough housing. Just good, clean sweaty fun. Go ahead & call-you won't be disappointed. ☎ 4722.

GWM Years 4 J-Strap Hairy Dad
With thick nipples, extra fat juice face slapping cock, huge mouth cramming balls and big solid hard riding face grinding beer, butt. Yours ready and eager to serve. ☎ 4723.

Hot Hungry Ass 4 Your Pleasure
Mature muscular bottom in Oakland seeks hung tops who enjoy fucking smaller guys. GWM 5'3", 130#, shaved head goatee, healthy HIV+. Need men who love to use tits & ass. ☎ 4724.

Seeking Hard & Hot Black Men
Italian stud seeks black studs to service on a regular basis. In Castro, late night sex. Wanna get off? Call me & pump off a load. ☎ 4725.

No Strings Attached
GBM, 31, 6'1", 160#, 9", top. Seeking GWM 30-50 for afternoon fun. Not looking for commitment, just want to kick back and enjoy each other. Let's talk. ☎ 4726.

Craving Cum In Walnut Creek
GBM, 27 needs large loads. How much cum can I take? All you have and more. Groups, couple, singles. I suck, slurp, swallow. Fill me up. Lip smocking good! ☎ 4727.

Wrestle Me Wrestle You
Nice strip pump, sweat, strain & groan. See who cums out on top. Me: WM, 40's, tuff, hairy. You: Strong & like a challenge. Ethnic a plus. ☎ 4728.

Safe Service
Nice Lnk, healthy, clean-cut man ISO gldng, young, guys to service. I always sheath you and finish you off right. ☎ 4729.

ISO Hot Adven Top W/Excpnl
Endowment that makes my cock rock hard & kinky, provocative ideas that stir my balls. GWM, 36, 5'5", 150#, attractive, well-built, hungry, adventurous bottom. Uncut, big balls/loads pluses. ☎ 4730.

Russian River Area
Starting my 3 day job up there but no fuck buddies. I have it all for that kind of fun. Me: 34yo, good shape, masc., dark hair, sexy and very horny. You: Open mind 34 to 44yo good shape, prefer facial hair, leather, grass, tattoos. No queens, no perfume please. LTR maybe. ☎ 4731.

Oral Buddy Needed 4 "69" Play!
Sexy, regular GWM, 36, 5'10", 180 seeking a GWM or GLM for mutual, hot mouth and tongue action. Pome's, clean hairy butts, average size dicks are what excite me... and you? ☎ 4732.

Drive Naked
Nude behind the steering wheel. Barefoot on the accelerator. See the sights of SF butt naked. Crank up the heat in your car and let's get naked. Hot exhibitionist. ☎ 4733.

Tight Butt For You
GBM, 27, 5'8", 125#, wants good-looking young horny top. You must be hung, in shape & drug free. Foreigners a plus. I'm ready to please your buddy too! ☎ 4734.

Punishment Time - Upper Haight
I like to be stark naked w/ my cock stiff while I whip bad boys. Other arrangements by apt. ☎ 4735.

Hot Sweaty Naked Butt Love
My interest range for leather to lace; daddy to big brother; you be in shape, hot and totally queer. Me: 37yo, 5'7", 135#, shaved head, mustache, and tattoo's ☎ 4736.

Muscle Freak
23, HM, 6'1", 170#, swimmer's build, boned, new to the bay area. Looking for buff muscle men for good times. ☎ 4737.

Seeking Asian Top Mostly
GWM seeks healthy, dependable, Asian stud who spans & is confident crazy. A caring person while perpetually & eternally horny. Humorous & witty too. ☎ 4824.

ISO Dirty Talking Hot Top
Big dick, big balls, big loads & kinky fantasies 2 talk and... 7 Man-smells, hot way, WS, all +'. GWM, 37, 5'5", 150#, attractive, well-built, hungry adventurous bottom. ☎ 4825.

Top Man Needed
5'11", it brown, blue, needs it bad. Come give it to me! ☎ 4826.

Serious Fuckers Only!
If you like hot, juicy raw fucks w/a well fucked ass. 1 on 1 or groups, cum fuck GBM, 39, 5'11", 142#, goatee, shaved head. ISO men w/ht prop, masc., & serious only. This ass is ready now! ☎ 4827.

At Your Beck And Call
Very attractive clean cut, 29 yo bottom boy seeks GWM/GLM tops to service. Hairy chest/masculine a must. I'm daddy's boy. Uncut a +. ☎ 4828.

Top Fist Daddy Is
Goodlooking, proportionate, 6'1", 40's, hairy, seeking proportionate fist bottom. ISO gaining experience. Once or reg basis. Younger, hung, uncult. BB=pluses. Will travel discreet. ☎ 4829.

Dominant Man
65 yrs., 6ft, 180#, sensible, wants oral service, affection & more from submissive friend. ☎ 4830.

Looking For Mature Asians
44yo, GWM, 170, HIV-, wants the pleasure of sucking Asians 40+ . AM passionate & versatile to other pleasures. Hoping for friendship also. Mar/01 OK too. ☎ 4831.

Oral Buddy Needed
handsome, sexy, GWM, 36, 5'10", 185#, loves to give & receive oral sex, "69", looking for a man that swallows. You: 18-35, horny, attractive & proportionate. Regular sessions possible. ☎ 4832.

Anything Goes In Santa Rosa
Video night at Richard's. Have excellent collection-or bring your own & your buddies, if you wish. ☎ 4833.

Uncut Sexy Not Young
Me: 5'6", 152#, hairy S/P, hazel eyes, big mustache, likes to make love. Bicycle. Movies, gym, garden, sun, entertain, healthy food, ND/NS, HIV+ OK. ☎ 4834.

Need Great Oral Service?
Young Asian. Slim built, very attractive & healthy. Want to service handsome & in-shape guys, 18-28 yo, white or Latino. Lunch hours. After work & etc.. Satisfaction guaranteed. ☎ 4835.

Asian Seeks Asian Top
In weekdays 9 to 3. AM, 6', 165#, hot, handsome & gym toned. U be in shape, under 45 with hard rock hot & love to fuck. Hung & buffed A+. ☎ 4836.

UCB Frat Brothers
Need servicing. We're always horny. Can you take on seven of us? If you can, call now. ☎ 4837.

Horny Hung 100% Italian BB 28
New in town from Miami. 6'1", 215#, ripped, hung 9 1/2 X 6 1/2 is looking for horny musc guys for hot sex on regular basis. no boyfriend or shallow World Gym/Universe muscle crowd. ☎ 4838.

Hammer Me Hard With Your Cock
Smooth, clean cut, 28 yo AM ISO well endowed men 40 yo or below. Must be dominant & ready for long sessions. Look at my tight bubble butt & fuck it. ☎ 4839.

Cocksucker Extraordinaire
GWM, 45, HIV-, deep throat for 7" or better any age, race, lay back and get expertly done one time or regular basis. ☎ 4840.

GAM 24 yrs of Age
Looking for GWM between 20-37 yrs. Goodlooking top & bottom. Interested in having good time. ☎ 4841.

GAM Looking For GWM
Between the ages of 20 to 38 years of age. Looking forward to having real good time. Top N Bottom. ☎ 4842.

Shy Top Needs Assertive Bottom
For weekday sessions. I'm 6', 165#, beard, oral, late 40's. You: any age, bear type &/or nice nip A+. But all considered. ☎ 4859.

Fuck Buddies Wanted
Goodlooking GWM ISO Greek active tops—French A/P, 6'3", 170#, S/P hair, mustache, goatee, smooth, 47, seeks other HIV+, smokers for sex. No S&M, drugs, H/Wt prop. ☎ 4860.

Hot Hispanic Top
Latin stud into adventuresome fun seeks bottoms eager to please. Leather a plus. ☎ 4861.

Sex, Sex, Sex!
GWM, Italian, hairy, hung, top, 40, 190#, br/b, beard, in shape. have LTR, need more hot sex w/ism GWM, SF. Versatile & hairy A+. ☎ 4862.

80% Hot Top 20% Lousy Bottom
SM switch needs training: sloppy pain threshold. Can you toughen me up? ISO training from experienced, masculine Top. Expand limits with discipline & affection. Great playroom provided. Blue Collar/Ex-military A+. ☎ 4863.

FETISHES

John
Couldn't be at Starbucks Thur 1/16 @ 6:30. Would like to meet you, Clinton. ☎ 4647.

Looking For Dominant Black Man
Submissive white boy for rough play verbal action, and live out fantasies. I am WGM, 45, 137#, 5'8", trim & obedient. Need discipline & a real man-handler for expanding limits. ☎ 4648.

Sole Man
GBM wants action from tall, well formed, angular feet & toes, sucks, bare, legs. Worship suck etc. esp sheer socks. ☎ 4649.

Feet Dark Socks And More
Goodlooking Latino, 5'11", 190#, dark features, HIV-, would like to meet Latinos or Whites NS/ND, 24-30, into foot fetish. ☎ 4650.

Raunchy Young Studs
Dominant, under 30, cute, sexy, wanting to get serviced then get real raunchy for W/S to...share some fantasies with me, bring a buddy? S 4651.

Man W/Toe Ring Sks Foot Partner
Looking for excitement look au/fantasticizing about men's barefeet. Masculine, goodlooking, E. Bay GWM, 5'9", 140#, tan, moderately hairy, HIV-, loves reciprocal kissing, licking, massaging barefeet, safe J/O. Further friendship possible. ☎ 4652.

Endurance Bondage & Torture
GWM, 5'10", 175#, solid, brn/bm, 40 ISO serious and reliable guys any race/age for endurance, bondage, fantasy role playing, torture. Outdoor scenes possible. Top or bottom. ☎ 4738.

Into Shaving?
I'm 43, br, bl, 170#, 5'10", very hairy and would like to try being completely shaved. I need a shaver! ☎ 4739.

Let's Pull Down Our Pants & JO
Belt unbuckled? Fly unbuttoned/unzipped? Hard-on in your shorts (boxers, briefs)? GWM seeking men 30+ yo into JO w/their pants (jeans, khakis, slacks) open/dropped suits, uniforms A+. ☎ 4845.

Are You Man Enough To Cry?
In shape sadistic tops, both 35, seek masochistic muscle bottom, 25-45. Must endure heavy whipping, CBT, WS, tit and ass play. Hairy a+. ☎ 4740.

Body Beautiful Bubble Butt/Boots
You pose, I kneel. You rub the seat of your 501's in my face. I lick your boots. Play safe, have fun, profit from experience. ☎ 4741.

Tit Pig Wanted
Mutual, heavy duty, hot, 215#, 6'1", very muscular, 46" chest, goatee, leather, aroma, etc. Muscles a plus but not necessary, in-shape is. ☎ 4742.

Bondage And Discipline Sought
By honest, masculine, good looking, experienced bottom. Plays sober, seriously and safe. Discretion required and reciprocated. ☎ 4744.

Bare Assed Spanking
Best bare assed spanking in SF for boys (over 18) to 35. I am Daddy bear, 6', 285#, experienced, safe. ☎ 4745.

Spankings For Bad Boys...
Needing humiliation & reddened butt cheeks! Be 18-35, cute, obedient with round bottom. Safe asshole, fingering, possible bottom. Whimper, crybabies & beginners firmly broken. SJ or SF. ☎ 4843.

Nasty
Give me your nasty asshole & I'll give you mine. Bk/male, 39, 9", seek versatile scat fuck buddy. You blk or Latino, in good shape, hung. ☎ 4844.

Derby Jackers & Hoods
Hooded punk in South Bay, blue collars services boot stompers, guys in derby jackets, bens, beanies. Cholo's, street punks, blue collar dudes. Let's cum wearing our Bens, Derby's. ☎ 4846.

Got Skin—I Service
Love that skin—need that skin-please give me that skin I will suck stretch tongue chew to your delight. 6 1/2-8". Semi hard A+. ☎ 4847.

Flex Your Muscles
WM, late 40's, seeks muscular guy of any size into flexing, posing, & being admired. Love baseball, biceps, hot pecs. Especially seek very muscular Asian. ☎ 4848.

Are You Up For Pec/Nipple Play?
Muscular GWM, 6', 215#, 47" chest, top, looking for men with huge pecs/sensitive nipples for intense, sensual pec nuzzling, nipple sucking workouts. Soft or rough, your call. ☎ 4849.

Spiritually Direct BDSM
Long, slow, deep, careful, conscious, whole-person comradeship. ND. Versatile WM, 50, 5'8", 175#, muscular, bald, longtime yoga. Very fit prefers same. ☎ 4850.

Giant-Sized Dicks Sought By
Giant-sized bear (40, HIV+, healthy, no gag-reflex) for deep throat action. Cut backs over 11" & cut redheads a plus. Prefer slender/athletic & NS. No reciprocation. ☎ 4851.

Scat Water Sports
Young looking 55, GWM, seeks white, handsome, 22-45. Me: 5'10", 190#, hairy chest, mustache, short beard, brn/blu, HIV-. No fats, fems. Latino OK. ☎ 4864.

Italian Sks Scabs
Or open wounds. Turned on by oozing sores, scrapes & cuts. I'm well hung & want to fill all your holes. Skateboarders most welcome. ☎ 4865.

Huge Enlarged Nipples And Pecs
On handsome, smart, GWM muscle boy, 18-32, wanted by cute boyish GWM, 25, hunky, slender, gym-toned, with hot pierced nipples for mutual nipple play, body worship, affection, safe sex. ☎ 4866.

Beginner At FF Seeks Practice
Me: GWM, 25, 150#, 6'3", shaved head, stash, goatee. You: under 50, sane with sense of humor, and a patient, clean hole. Facial hair, bald, hairy A+. ☎ 4867.

COUPLES

Sex Toy For Hot Bk Couple
Versatile handsome, Asian hunk, 35, with beautiful muscular body, tight smooth jock ass wants to tease you, please you. Want me to ride both of you? Want me to milk your dicks? Or should we make roast beef sandwiches for our picnic? ☎ 4653.

Masculine In-Shape Couples
31 year old, GWM, 5'8", 165#, lightly hairy, handsome, gym-toned, br hair/eyes, clean cut, seeks 3-ways with adventuresome couples. White/Latino, 25-40, HIV-, versatile preferred. ☎ 4654.

WMC Seeks Asian
Gldng GWC, 40's, tall Texans, looking for Asian buddies for fun. ☎ 4655.

Bear Doubles His Fun And Yours
I open my throat to accept you, his hands guide my skill forward, down. You shoot. You switch. He shoots. And switch again? Excellent service orally by E big bear, 40, w/ HIV+, healthy. S 4746

E Bay GWM Bear Cpl ISO 3rd
For hot, safe fun. We're 40's, handsome, goates, hairy, tall, HIV-. Both 240# (+). You: 30+, versatile (GKAP, FRA/P), HIV-, willing to travel to E Bay, 200#. Pluses: hairy, blue collar, bi-sexual. ☎ 4855.

OTHER

Insatiable, Party/Play Pig Boy
35 yo (looks mid-20's) b/bl, mustached GWM seeks extensive play with aggressively dominant topmen. Leather/Latino/Uncut A+. ☎ 4656.

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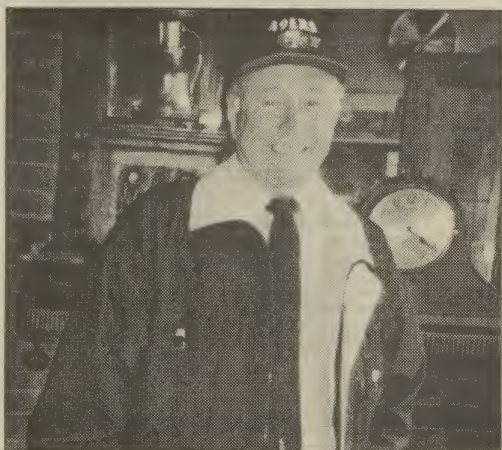
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Only eight more shopping days to V-Day! That's Valentine's Day for those of you feigning ignorance of this hearts-and-flowers holiday. Of course, the Polk Rendezvous is no slouch in the romance department; Joe Bear and I will be hosting a special Be My Valentine! (Or Die) Party on Friday, Feb. 14, 1-6 p.m., at the PR, with canapés by Dennis "Caviar and Q-Tips" Tyler. Just kidding about the "die" part, but do bring your sweetheart along—or perhaps you'll meet the man of your dreams on the Polk-strasse. If so, have your checkbook handy.

He's back and the PR has him! Yes, I do mean the handsome and talented David Kapp, our new manager. You can be sure things will be jumping at 1303 Polk St.!

Fond of Pieter: Attention friends of Pieter Nelemans. That Rotterdam rogue will turn 70 on Feb. 26. He retired to the Netherlands after working as a waiter and bartender in SF for many years. His pal Ann needs some mug shots of his buddies, as we're sending Pieter a special care package to mark the big event. Buzz me at the PR, and I'll get your photos to her. Pieter, darling, let a fellow septuagenarian welcome you to the swinging seventies!

The ever gracious Crimson ("The Scarlet Woman") and John sent me such a lovely flower arrangement from Bella's World! Thanks so much for the posies, you two. Nobody can whip together a fetching nosegay like bountiful Bella. Remember to cast your votes for Crimson and John as our next empress and empress next Saturday, Feb. 15. They're definitely to the manor born!

On that same regal Saturday, your presence is requested at the complimentary brunch for Crimson and John at the PR, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with tasty morsels from Dennis "Sushi and Sunkist" Tyler. Hosted by David Kapp and the Czarina de Turk Street herself.

The Grass Is Greener Dept.: That sterling example of girth and mirth, Ms. Greta Grass, is now working Tues.-Thurs. at the new

Zeke's (formerly Company) on California St. Do drop by for a libation or two and make the acquaintance of the enchanting Zeke.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, the Cinch will be throwing a Mardi Gras bash at 2 p.m., with a Cajun buffet by Dennis "Catfish and Cottonballs" Tyler, a zydeco band, a mask contest and strip shows (8-10 p.m.). My favorite ecdysiast can snatch up doubloons in the most amazing ways!

Also on Sunday, Feb. 9, don't miss the Imperial Roast for Steve and Tillie at The Giraffe at 3 p.m.

Mud will be slung!

Scott Rankine is now patrolling the plank afternoons at Kimo's, and John David is doing his bit, too!

Moon Over Mexico Dept.: Dick

Deemer (his real name), Barton Dryer and I will be hauling our

bronzed bodies down to Puerto Vallarta once again the last week of March. It's almost time for another margarita infusion—hold the salt! Bobby Pace informs me that a group from the Phone Booth, who will be going there April 14 (thereby avoiding paying their taxes), has been collecting condoms for Paco Paco's Howard, who distributes them to local AIDS agencies. What a bunch of sweethearts!

Mark your calendars in red for the San Francisco Council of Emperors' 25th Silver Jubilee cocktail party on Friday, Feb. 21, at The Giraffe (1131 Polk St.), 5-8 p.m. A few of the royalty of note at the stellar soirée will be Absolute Empress I Jose, Chico's Reba, Sacramento's Empress XV La Kish and San Diego's legendary Empress Nicole the Great (who will be a hostess). Framed pictures of each emperor and empress will be hanging for your perusal. A collector's item limited edition 25th anniversary year pin is available and, according to rumor, quite striking! Inquiring minds are curious if Emperor I Marcus will be putting in an appearance in his leather cape! Word has it that he bears a striking resemblance to a certain famed caped crusader in that outfit! Please note that Empress Bella II will *not* be taking her 30th anniversary walk. *C'est dommage!*

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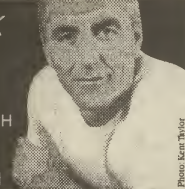
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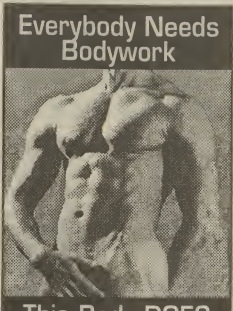
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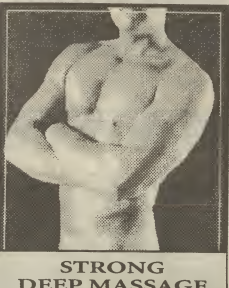
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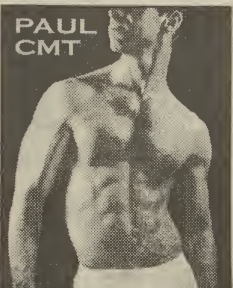
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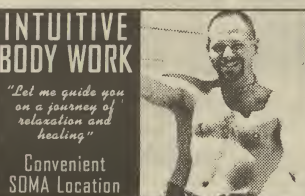
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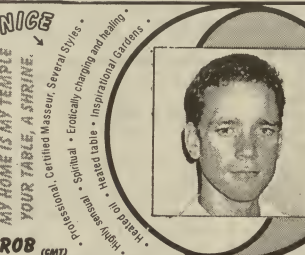


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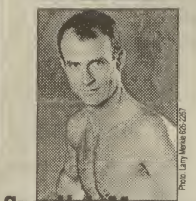
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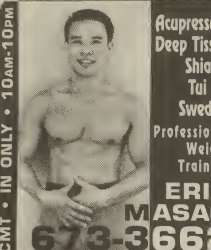
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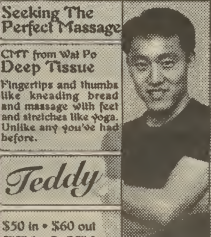
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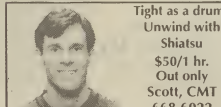


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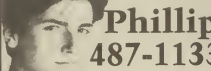
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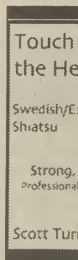
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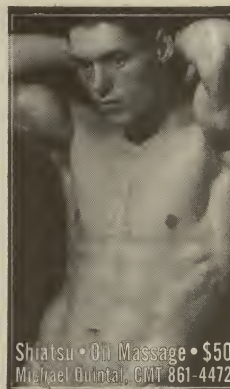


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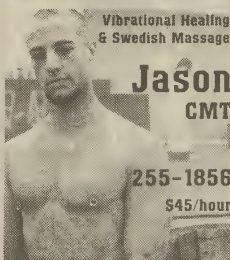
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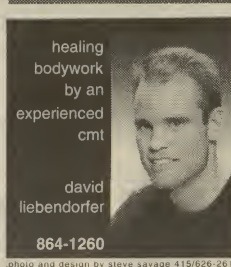
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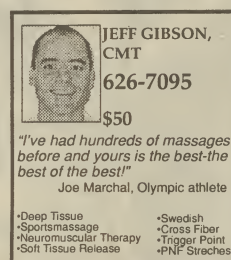
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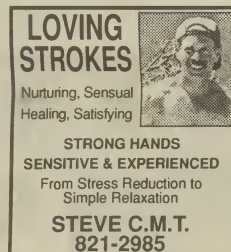
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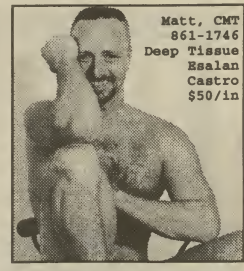
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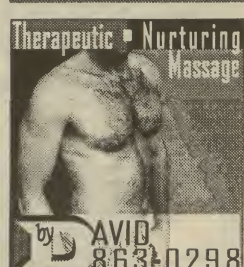
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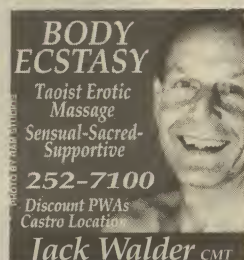
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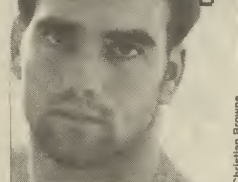
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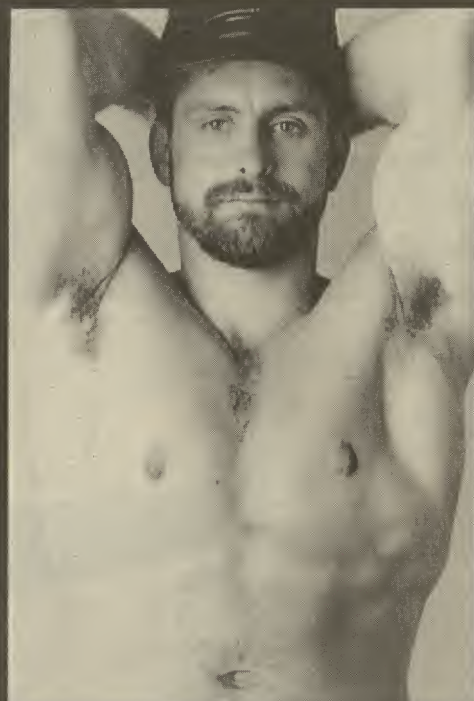
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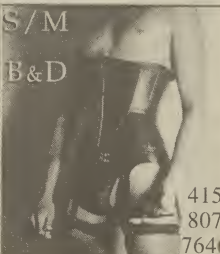
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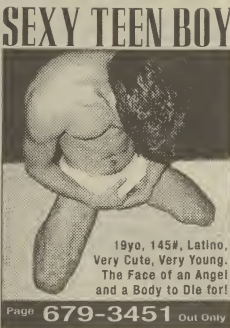
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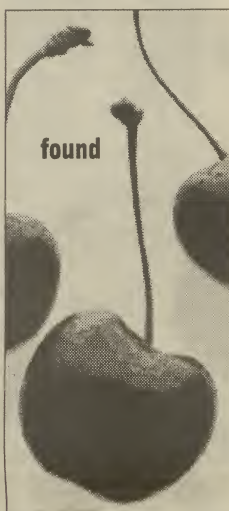
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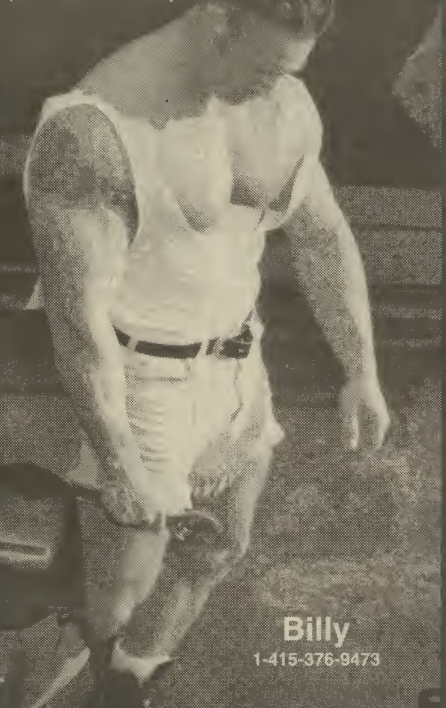
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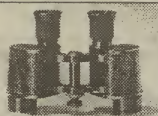
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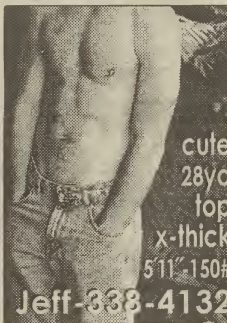


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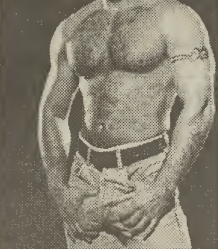
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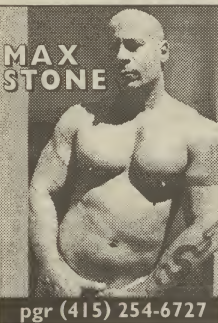
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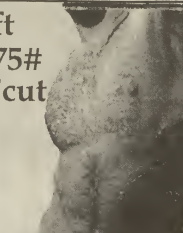
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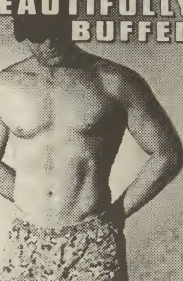
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MUSCULAR
ATTRACTIVE**
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KURT 201-
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7189

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SHIATSU & SWEDISH STYLE MASSAGE
pg 846-0400

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TOP**



\$120
Nick
pgr: 678-1153

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FALCON MODEL
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Anthony



Photo: RAM STUDIOS
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TOP MAN**



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tattoos
piercings
LEATHER
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thick
& HARD
in/out
24 hours
most scenes
Randy
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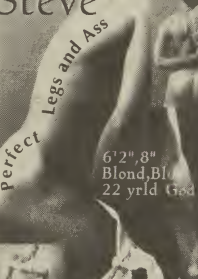
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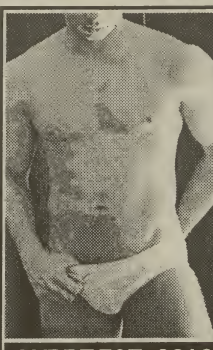


TALL
HAIRY
HUNG
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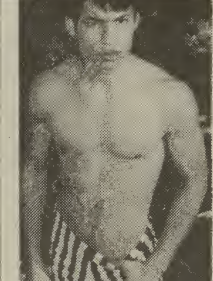
Steve



perfect
Legs and Ass
6'2", 8"
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22 yrd God
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ANDRE 597-3613



Tony 709-3266 Bpr
\$100




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CLARK
5'9"
160
563.5066

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FEB. 1996



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240-8002 pgr
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BUILD, 8" UNCUT



Tall
Dark
Handsome
Italian
807-9822

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Name

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